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A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

I AM addressing my first Message of the New Year primarily to the 20,000 Americans inducted in November "Fighting Elks" Classes, but it is my earnest hope that every member of our fraternity will read, heed and follow its implications.

FIGHTING ELKS: In associating yourselves with our Order in this crucial hour of world history, you have assumed a grave responsibility, and embraced an opportunity to render great service.

You have aligned yourselves squarely on the side of those who are defeating the forces of evil, and their sinister purpose to destroy our civilization.

You, and every member of our fraternity, are obligated to fight on God's side, for a better world, where all may live in peace, secure from want, fear and their satellite, crime.

You are fighting for humanity, the right of all men to enjoy life, liberty and happiness, worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience; their children assured of education and opportunity.

You are fighting that crippled children may be made to walk again; that the Great White Plague may be conquered; that the aged may have every comfort in their declining years.

You are fighting for our Country, that it may come through the hell of war, with strengthened purpose to lead the world into paths of peace, share with those who have suffered most the bounties Providence has showered upon us, and to champion a justice that, unprejudiced by race or creed, shall be applied to all.

You are fighting to keep our fraternity true to its ideals of charity, justice, patriotism, and maintain the high standards which have characterized it through the years; to make its homes centers of patriotic and civic movements for community welfare, and to keep it ever mindful of its duty to the sick, the aged and unfortunate.

This Message will reach you on the threshold of the New Year. It will be a year of opportunity to practice more effectively than ever before the ideals of our fraternity. A great program of service to our men in uniform, at home and abroad, has taken form; there is good cheer to be carried into the Government hospitals, already becoming filled with casualties from the battle front; the completion of the education of the child of any Elk killed in battle must never be abandoned.

Funds will be required to carry out the comprehensive program of the Elks War Commission, which will acknowledge obligations to our men of the Armed Forces, and assist them to become reestablished in the peacetime world.

We must enroll the remaining lodges as founding members of our Elks National Foundation. We must be in a position to say to the public, "Our own lodges have subscribed a million dollars. We are now ready to receive donations. We promise that every penny will be wisely spent for the education of boys and girls, for the relief of the needy, sick or crippled, or for other philanthropic or charitable purposes. The principal will remain intact and only the interest will be used for these purposes. Not a penny will go for expenses of administration."

Let us enter the New Year resolved to increase our membership, but to use the utmost care in our selection; to invite none to affiliate who will not join wholeheartedly in our work, who is not of good character and a permanent resident of his community. Lodges must not go beyond the saturation point of eligible citizens, if they are to avoid the dropping from the rolls that may follow the end of the war.

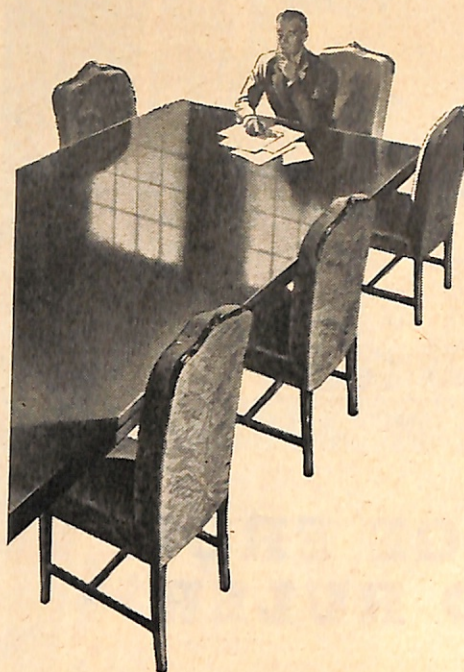
On December 3rd our Order held its time-honored services "In Memoriam". Reports indicate that all were unusually impressive, and largely attended. A feature of these services, I report with mingled feelings of pride and sadness, was the presentation of nearly 1,000 "Elks Medal of Valor" to the kin of members killed in the Armed Forces.

Let us go forward into the New Year hopefully and with confidence in the future of our Order and our Country, and may its successor dawn upon a world blessed with a peace based upon universal understanding, and upon an America leading humanity along the paths of justice and good will.

Sincerely and fraternally,

ROBERT S. BARRETT
Grand Exalted Ruler.





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IN THIS ISSUE

We Present—

HOWARD BUTLER'S little gent is once again performing yeoman service on our cover. This lad becomes an uglier customer with every public appearance, but for some reason we become more attached to him as the months go on.

It has been our good fortune to secure an article on the potential future of various medium-sized cities as they are spread across the Country. This article was written by Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks of New York City, who is the foremost expert on community planning in the Nation. Mr. Moses' reputation is such that the cities of Portland, Ore., Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Pa., and New York have requested his services to help redesign themselves for the better living of the populace.

The newspapers have been supplying us with a great deal of copy (and incomplete information) about PT boats. Since we have regarded these accounts as "unfinished business", we have asked our expert, James Say, to give us a definitive piece on these essential new weapons of this war. With the help of the designer, the manufacturers of the engines, the Navy and the Elco Naval Division of the Electric Boat Company, Mr. Say has compiled the facts for our information. You may now dive in.

We have announcements from the two most important organizations within our Order. On page 8 the Elks War Commission makes known its suggestions concerning the program of rehabilitation for returning servicemen, which this Commission has adopted. The Commission has also taken the opportunity through our pages to present for the inspection of other lodges the resolution passed by Duluth, Minn., Lodge, No. 133, concerning its own rehabilitation plan. This plan, because of its very magnitude and the excellence of its presentation, deserves the attention of the Order at large. Many other lodges, smaller and less wealthy than Duluth Lodge, have adopted similar plans, the efficacy of which will no doubt be of proportionate value to their communities.

It is also the wish of the Elks National Foundation that your Magazine present its plan for an emergency fund for the education of the children of members of the Order who have participated in the war. This program, great in scope, will do much to solve the problem which is worrying many forward-looking members of the Order, as well as the fathers involved.

Grand Exalted Ruler Doctor Barrett's Message which appears on page 1 seems to your Editors a particularly eloquent expression of Doctor Barrett's views, an expression which will find an echo in the minds of most of us.

In our fraternal columns there is much that will be of interest to the more gregarious members of the Order.

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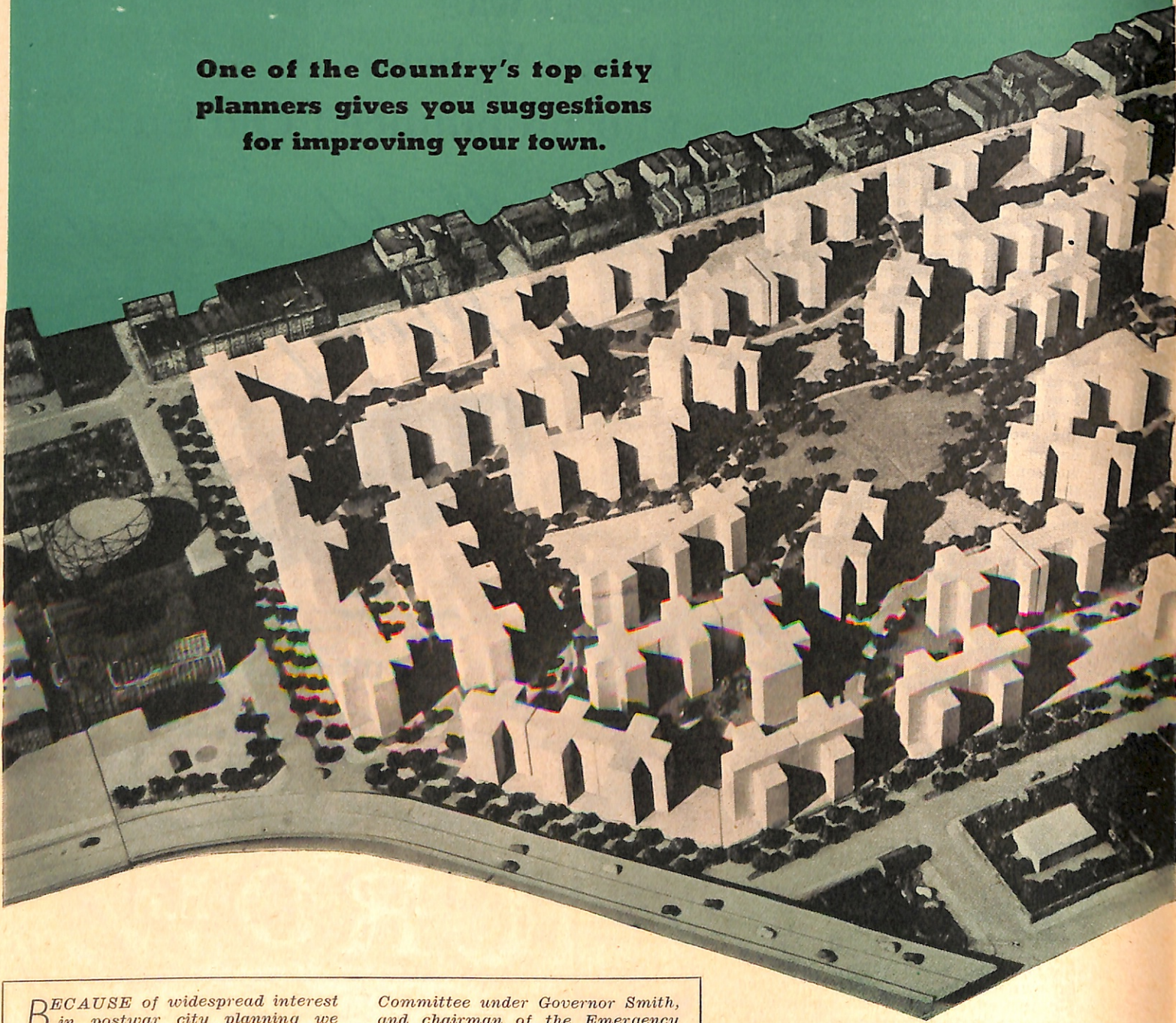
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PLAN FOR YOUR CITY

One of the Country's top city planners gives you suggestions for improving your town.



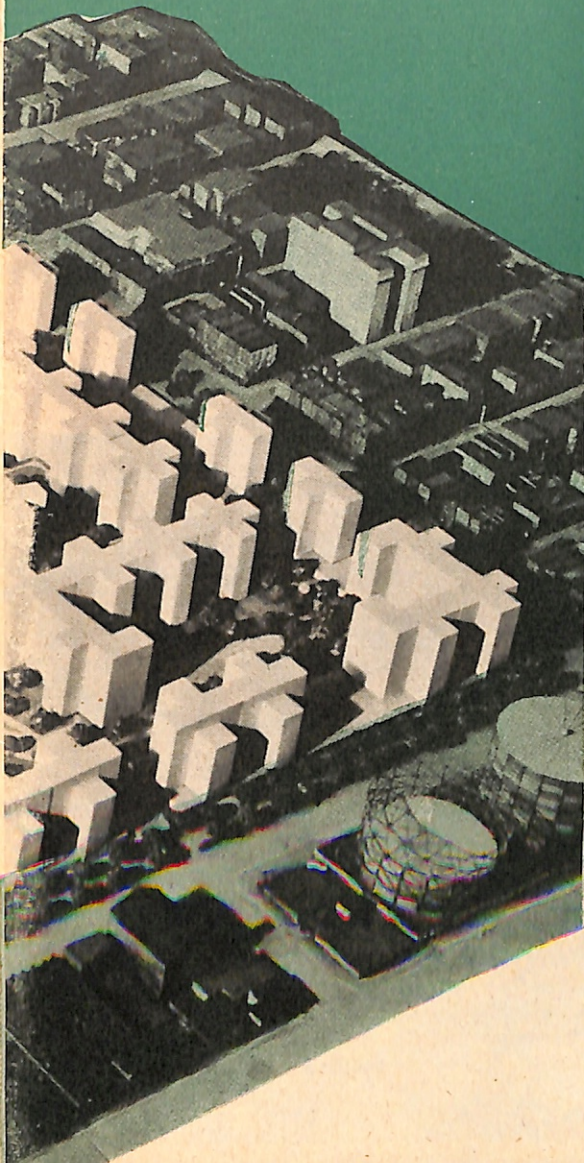
BECAUSE of widespread interest in postwar city planning we asked Robert Moses to write an article on this subject. The author is head of the city park system of New York under Mayor La Guardia and of the State park system under Governor Dewey. He is also chairman of the Triborough Bridge and Jones Beach Authorities, is a member of the City Planning Commission of New York, has been at various times chairman of the State Public Improvements

Committee under Governor Smith, and chairman of the Emergency State Public Works Committee and the State Postwar Employment Committee under Governor Lehman. He has been called in as a consultant by various cities such as Pittsburgh, Portland and Baltimore and reported to the Army and Navy on housing and living conditions in congested war areas. He lives half the year in New York and half in the village of Babylon on Long Island.

NO DOUBT Sinclair Lewis' "Main Street" was exaggerated and ran to caricature, but there was a lot of wholesome truth in it. For example, this reference to the lack of interest in planning is as apt today as it was a quarter of a century ago when Lewis turned his homemade searchlight on our American towns:

"When Carol had walked for thirty-two minutes she had completely

**By
ROBERT MOSES**



Above is Stuyvesant Town, a proposed housing development for New York City.

At right is the modern Kings County Hospital, Tuberculosis and Chronic Disease Pavilion.

covered the town, east and west, north and south; and she stood at the corner of Main Street and Washington Avenue and despaired. . . . There was no park to rest the eyes. And since not Gopher Prairie but Wakamin was the county-seat, there was no court-house with its grounds. . . . There was no other sound nor sign of life. She wanted to run, fleeing from the encroaching prairie, demanding the security of a great city. Her dreams of

creating a beautiful town were ludicrous. Oozing out from every drab wall, she felt a forbidding spirit which she could never conquer. She trailed down the street on one side, back on the other, glancing into the cross streets. It was a private Seeing Main Street tour. She was within ten minutes beholding not only the heart of a place called Gopher Prairie, but ten thousand towns from Albany to San Diego. . . . In all the town not one building save the Ionic bank which gave pleasure to Carol's eyes; not a dozen buildings which suggested that, in the fifty years of Gopher Prairie's existence, the citizens had realized that it was either desirable or possible to make this, their common home, amusing or attractive."

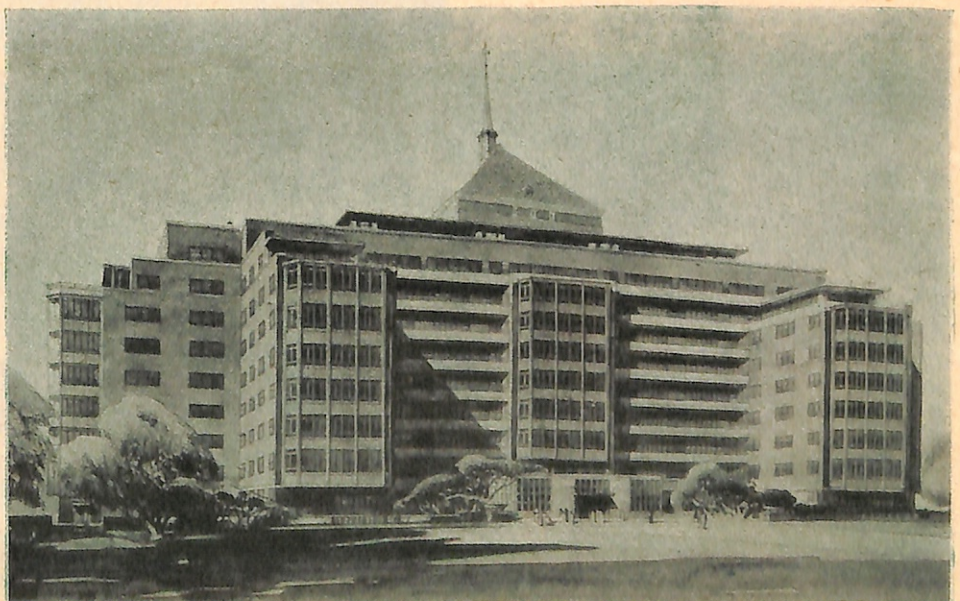
It is indeed high time that the average American small city and village—towns we call them in the vernacular—decided what it wants to look like, what it should do to accommodate traffic, meet municipal needs, restrain those who care nothing for neighbors or the community, and get rid of what is cheap, ugly and a poor imitation of bigger places. There is no need to go foreign, colossal, metropolitan, arty, ultra-modern or Hollywood. The more local and natural the results, the better, but we can't expect a new native American culture in every town, springing from the soil, without ancestors elsewhere. What are our universities, State and private, for anyway, if they do not turn out engineers, architects, planners and builders who know the past and the best American traditions and accomplishments, and are proud to labor in their own native vineyards?

It is a mistaken notion that postwar planning should be confined to big cities. The fact is that every municipality should have a definite, sane and realizable program of postwar public improvements, logically related to private

enterprise, employment and residence, that is a public physical program integrated with a private economic one. The municipal plan should not be theoretical, academic and revolutionary. It should not be the iridescent dream of visionaries, nor the impatient pronouncement of youthful reformers. Neither should the program be whittled down to mere inescapable repairs by glassy-eyed bankers and real estate owners who are chronically opposed to every nickel of public expenditure which affects the current tax rate and the debt limit. Between these two extremes there is a happy medium where solid, sensible, middle-of-the-road citizens can stand on common ground. As the Bible says—"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

There has been unnecessary confusion in the public mind as to the relation between municipal postwar improvements and postwar employment. The false impression has gained ground that the one and only purpose of a local public works program is to make jobs for returning servicemen and for those in war industries, and that all sorts of projects, including those which are extravagant, unnecessary and unproductive must necessarily be included in this program in order to make work to piece out what private industry cannot provide for. Inescapable repairs, due to years of neglect and war priorities, come first. Then come additional improvements. Obviously there should be no projects included in the municipal improvements program which are not actually needed or highly desirable to insure decent living, access, recreation and a setting attractive to business, industry and trade as well as residence and recreation. The speed with which the program should be carried out rather than its scope and content should be influenced by employment conditions.

Intelligent, conservative citizens should not be influenced in their decision on such matters either by alarmists or by



reactionaries. It is unnecessary to have the jitters about widespread unemployment. No doubt there will be more or less local unemployment everywhere, varying according to the effect in this or that area of the shutdown of war industries, reconversion and the speed of return of men in the Armed Forces. It is equally unnecessary to assume that private business and industry can immediately find employment for everyone who needs a job. Businessmen have a tendency to be too sure of their ability to hire everyone. This will take time. There will be a gap of probably close to two years in the course of which business will be getting on its feet and will require government aid to supplement its efforts. This government aid will take many forms, including more liberal and extensive unemployment insurance, increased benefits and aids for returning soldiers and, finally, public works.

Municipal public works in a good many cases may have to be aided by the State and federal governments. The most familiar and accepted illustration of such cooperation is in the field of highways. Here for many years federal and State funds have been matched to provide arterial and local roads. This program will have to be tremendously expanded because our roads have gone to pieces during the war, because they were inadequate before the war, and because the great anticipated output of cars will be useless if there are no good highways for them to run on. One of the great changes in policy in this field is of particular interest to cities. It has finally become the accepted principle that instead of bypassing cities and urban areas, our expressways should tap and go through them, because the greater part of all traffic, passenger, bus and truck, originates and ends in cities. It seems to me that the first thing for every city to do, therefore, is to reach an agreement with the State highway authorities on its arterial program, because funds for design are already available and funds for construction will

shortly be appropriated at Washington and in every State for such arteries.

A main, regional artery is not merely a wide, glorified village street. That is a boulevard. Such an artery through a town of any size should have a wide right-of-way. It should have express lanes, service roads and incidental features which will improve surrounding property and provide bordering facilities for those who are not riding in automobiles, such as playgrounds, landscaped areas and walks. In many municipalities it will be found that the key to a dozen other public improvements lies in the determination of the arterial system in, through and around the town. Often this arterial system will clean out rundown, substandard areas and slums, and there will be an opportunity along the borders for new housing, public, semi-public and private.

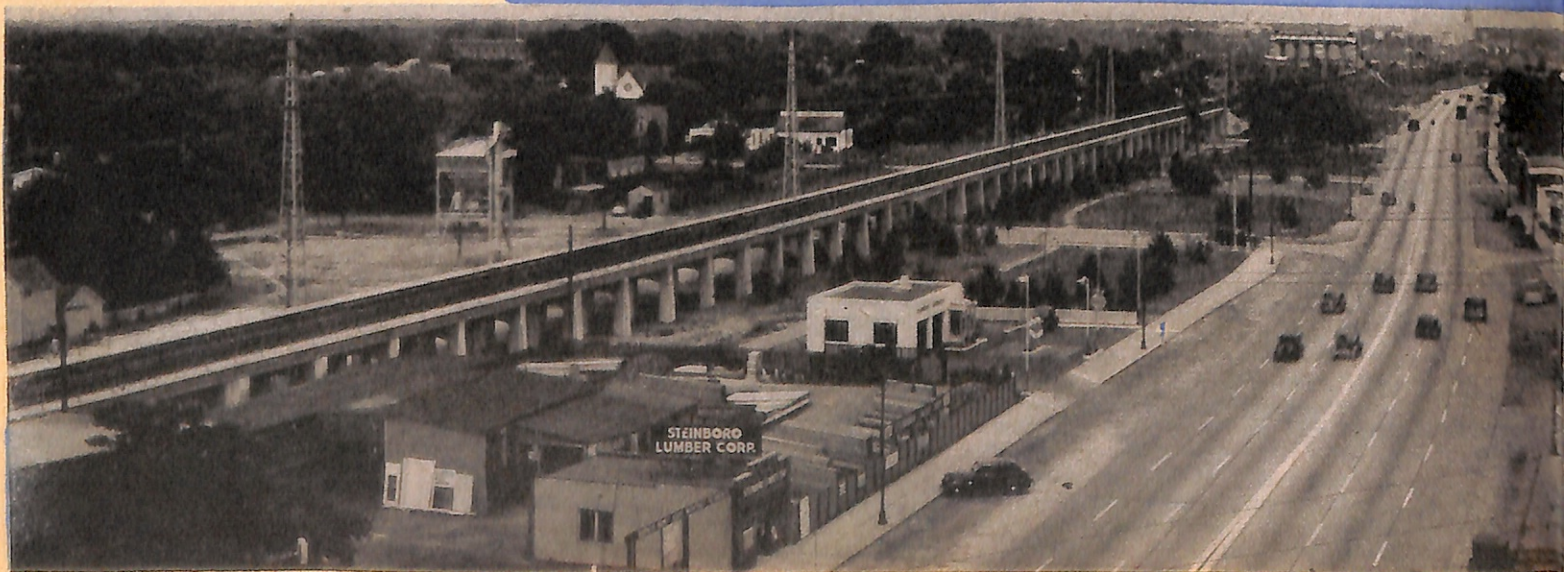
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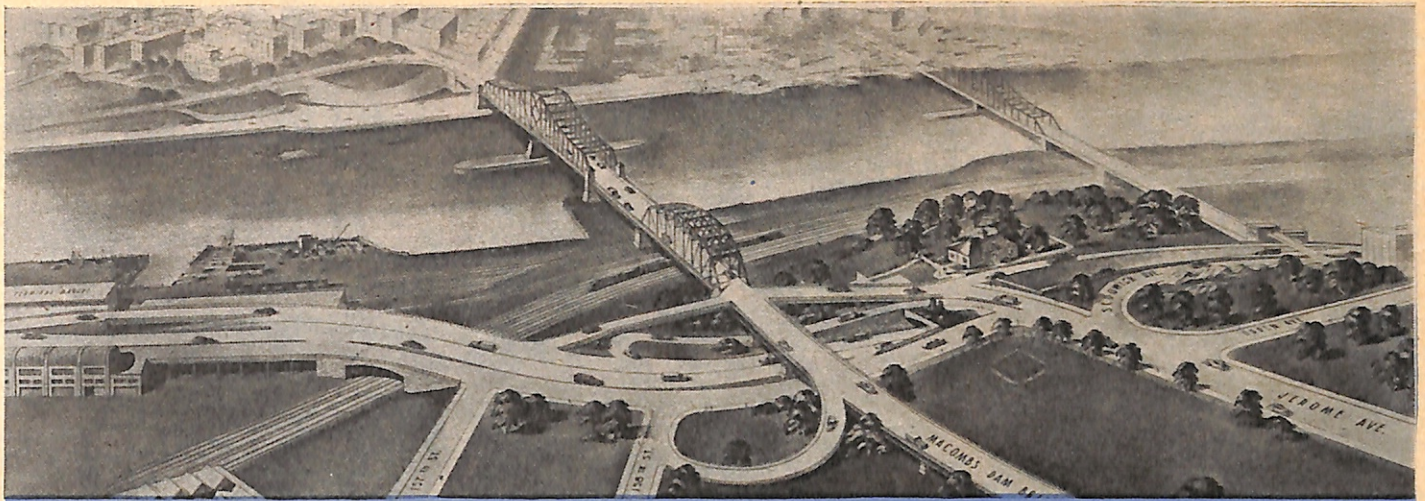
paring a postwar plan comes sanitation in all of its phases, including an adequate water supply system, storm-water and sanitary sewers, sewage and waste disposal plants, and the reclamation of streams, bays and waters polluted by indiscriminate dumping of sewage, drain water, trade and other waste. Such reclamation often leads straight to the restoration of the finest natural areas for residence and recreation, and for improved and concentrated commercial and industrial developments. It takes many months to make complete plans for such projects. Mere sketches are of little value. The plans must be ready for public bidding and letting. On the other hand, the cost of design is relatively small, usually about four per cent of construction.

Expanded and better school buildings are needed in most communities, health and hospital facilities, police, fire and

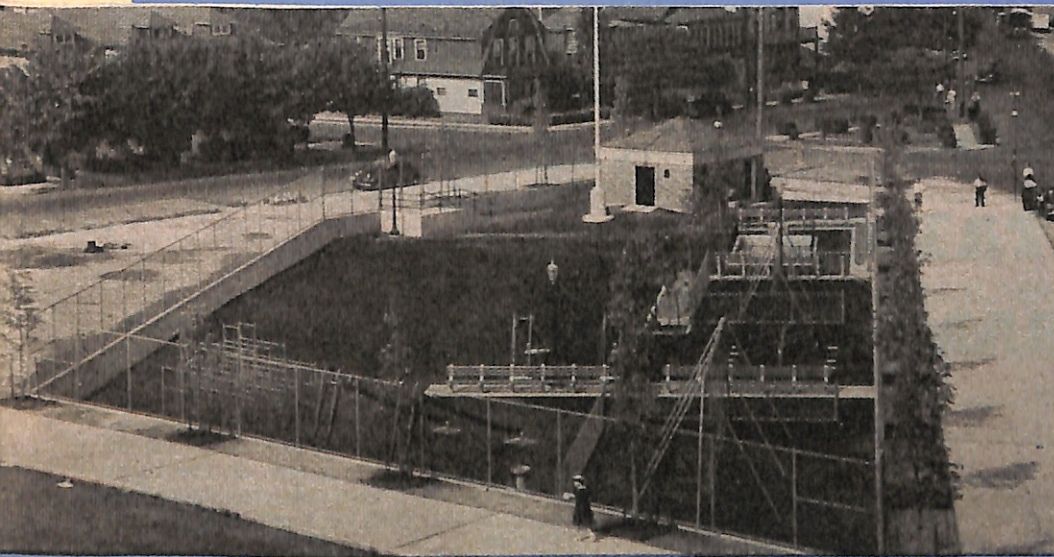


Above and below: Before and after eliminating a series of railroad crossings and building a new highway at Lynbrook, N. Y.





The grade separation, Macombs Dam Bridge and Exterior Street, Bronx, N. Y., which is the answer to a difficult traffic problem.



Above is a compact playground. Below: A ventilating shaft need not be an eyesore. This one serves the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel.



other stations, courthouses and other dignified municipal structures. These should not be monumental, pompous and showy, but they should be adequate and well designed, and should set the standard for private improvements. Every city should have attractive and inviting entrances; instead most of them face visitors with yards, shacks, alleys, dirt, grime, snarled traffic. They seem to say: "We'll show you the worst we've got, and we don't care a tinker's dam whether you like it or not." Most cities require many miles of paving or repaving on muddy, rutty and dusty streets. Few of them have adequate neighborhood parks and playgrounds with properly separated facilities for active and passive recreation for all age groups. A sand lot is not a playground, and a few scrubby trees on a rundown square do not make a park.

One of the most important things

which every municipality should have is an independent and respected city planning commission and an adequate zoning system which will prevent irresponsible and haphazard building, stabilize values and insure orderly growth. Every city should, through its leading citizens, its press and its officials, review its charter and determine to what extent it is obsolete and needs revision and modernization so as to provide a more efficient structure and functioning of the government. It should always be remembered, however, that a charter is merely the framework of government, and that it takes human talent to make it function. You do not get good government merely by having a good charter. First-rate public officials can provide good government even with a second-rate charter. The words of Alexander Pope are as true today as they were in the Eighteenth Century: "For forms of government let fools contest; Whate'er is best administer'd is best."

Generally speaking the most intelligent approach to these problems is by example rather than by standardized, text book teaching. In other words, the intelligent thing for local officials, interested citizens, civic and fraternal organizations and newspapers to do is to study what has actually been accomplished in other cities of comparable size, location and background. If so-called outside experts, engineers and planners are employed, they should be people who have not merely written on the subject and advocated this or that change, but people who have a record of successful accomplishment, whose advice has been taken in the past, and has proved to be good. The Country is full of lecturers, ivory tower planners, bright young men who have become experts overnight by reading a few books, and theoretical builders who have never put one brick on another. On the other hand, those responsible for postwar city programs should not begin by assuming that all the talent in the world can be

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THE ELKS REHABILITATION PROGRAM

GIs on their way out of the Army will need help in returning to civilian life.

Photos from Press Association, Inc.

A sergeant being interviewed about personal problems, employment and education plans.



AS AMERICA'S fighting men drive faster and faster down the road to total victory, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks sets in motion for its returning servicemen-members a rehabilitation program so vast that it promises to become one of the most comprehensive and patriotic undertakings in the Order's long and colorful history.

Numerous lodges have already effected programs designed to assist their members as they return from war, and the enthusiasm attending preparation of similar programs in other lodges forecasts a most outstandingly successful chapter in the history of Elkdom.

Lodge appropriations for financial assistance to members returning from the Service are well in excess of half-a-million dollars and should approach a million when more rehabilitation committees are formed. These funds will be used, in the main, to tide a veteran-Elk over his period of readjustment.

Another indication of the widespread interest lodges are taking in their servicemen-Brothers is revealed in the voluminous correspondence received from lodges at the Elks War Commission's offices in New York. A few lodges report instances where members back from the Service have already availed themselves of the Committees' facilities and services, including assistance in business. Other letters contain many constructive suggestions which the Commission passes on to rehabilitation committees, and still others seek guidance in development of the lodges' plans.

The initial and continuing inspiration for this great work issues from Grand Exalted Ruler Robert South Barrett whose administration is devoted to the success of the rehabilitation program. Under his leadership the Order is well prepared to extend to as many of the 75,000 Elks in uniform as may wish to avail themselves of it, practical assistance and counsel which will facilitate their return to civilian life.

Each lodge's rehabilitation committee functions independent of the others, but all have the cooperation of the Elks War Commission. In 1944 the Commission began distribution of suggestions, literature and information which the committees have been using to further the success of their respective and varied programs. All of this material, while of direct value, is of a general nature and is suggested as supplementary rather than complementary. It would be impossible for the Elks War Commission to map out one single form of procedure for all lodges because of the wide variety of problems peculiar to individual lodges.

Last March, the Commission furnished all lodges with copies of the Alexandria, Va., Plan. Suggested as a "blue-print" in the setting up of rehabilitation programs, it was widely used as a guide in the preparation of lodge

resolutions. Subsequently, a model questionnaire, that which Spokane, Wash., Lodge sent to its members in the Service, was distributed to all rehabilitation committees. Having the requested information in advance of the members' return, the committee is equipped to set about getting him a job, based on its knowledge of his education, abilities, experience, etc.

A feature of the Elks War Commission's service for which many lodges have expressed appreciation is the reprinting of newspaper and magazine articles which the Commission considers exceptionally informative.

In addition, the Commission distributes from time to time booklets and pamphlets which it thinks the committees will welcome as valuable additions to their rehabilitation files.

The Commission is constantly searching for information which will help the committees toward a broader understanding of their work. For example, it has selected from among the many books published during the past half year on the subject of rehabilitation of the veteran, five which are considered by authorities as being the best. These books have been recommended to the committees as important background material because they afford the reader a clear picture of the changes

that will have taken place in the personalities of the men who will return to us.

The Commission is also prepared to contact various Washington agencies which will help in the solution of problems confronting the committees.

The recommendation has also been made by the Commission that the rehabilitation committees study various plans adopted by their State governments. A knowledge of what their respective States will do for their veterans can greatly help in the more efficient operations of our committees.

One of the most valuable functions of the rehabilitation committees is the service it renders the veteran as liaison between him and the many agencies maintained for his benefit. Having acquainted themselves with these agencies, committees are in a position to obviate for the veteran much of the running around he would otherwise have to do.

When the guns are stilled and the "Welcome Home" banners are put away, there will have begun the great and important work for which the Order so diligently prepared. Hundreds of rehabilitation committees will have set in motion the machinery it built to serve the members who have returned victoriously from the fight.

DULUTH, MINN., LODGE, NO. 133 REHABILITATION AND SECURITY RESOLUTION

**An outstanding example of how one of many lodges is preparing
to care for its returning fighting members.**

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been foremost among the fraternal organizations in this Country in assisting the Government of the United States in carrying on the war against the Axis powers and in providing for the comfort and entertainment of men in the Armed Services of the United States;

WHEREAS, Duluth Lodge No. 133 has joined wholeheartedly with the other lodges of the Order in the Country in this program and desires to continue its aid in war effort to provide for the assistance and rehabilitation of its members in the Armed Services, to continue and increase its assistance and help to its general membership, and to assure the permanency of its lodge home for the use of its members;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. That a trust fund in the initial amount of \$100,000, to be known as the Elks Rehabilitation and Security Trust, be established.

2. That the Exalted Ruler of Duluth Lodge No. 133 is hereby empowered and instructed to appoint a Rehabilitation and Security Commission, consisting of five members of said lodge, which Commission shall be the Trustee of said Trust, the members of said Commission to be originally appointed for terms of one, two, three, four and five years, respectively, and thereafter as vacancies occur to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler from time to time for five-year terms, and to serve without pay.

3. That such Commission shall have complete charge and direction of the carrying out of the purposes of the trust, which are:

- (a) The assistance and rehabilitation of the members of the lodge in the Armed Forces who may need such assistance and rehabilitation upon their return to civil life;
- (b) The assistance where needed of the general membership in any case where funds are not available in the charity fund of the lodge; and
- (c) To assure the security of the lodge home should the financial position of the lodge become such

that funds are not available from other sources.

4. That the principal of the Trust Fund as originally established shall consist of Series "G" Bonds of the United States, which investment shall not be changed until the maturity of said bonds, and that all investments of the Trust Fund be made in bonds or other securities of the United States.

5. That during the continuance of the Trust the principal of the Trust Fund, together with any additions thereto, be preserved intact and that the income be used for the purposes hereinbefore stated; provided, however, that in the discretion of the Commission unused portions of the income in excess of \$5,000 held at the end of any lodge year may be transferred to the general fund of the lodge; and provided further that the lodge may at any time transfer to the Commission additional funds which shall be held and administered as a part of the said Trust in all respects as is herein provided for the original trust fund.

6. That said Trust shall be terminated only by a two-thirds vote of the members of Duluth Lodge No. 133 present at a regular meeting of the members, of which notice in writing stating the purpose of the meeting has been given to each member of said lodge by registered mail at least thirty days before the date of the meeting.

7. That the Rehabilitation and Security Commission shall have full power and authority to use the income from said Trust Funds for the purposes and only for the purposes and in the manner hereinbefore provided and that said Commission shall keep true and accurate records and accounts of all transactions in connection with said Trust Fund and shall give full report of same semi-annually to the membership of the lodge.

8. That the Board of Trustees and officers of Duluth Lodge No. 133 are hereby vested with full power and authority to make and execute such agreements and to do and perform such other acts as shall be necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution to the end that said Trust Fund shall be established and the income thereof used for the purposes herein expressed.

THE fastest warship afloat, the PT, is one of our newest instruments of war. Eighty feet long and without one inch of protective armor—built almost entirely of wood—they are now so heavily armed that they even shoot down Zeros sent to attack them. These light and fragile, power-packed craft sink ships many times their size. They are the Indian fighters, the Davids against Goliaths, the team supreme and the brain child of a group of far-sighted naval officers, business executives and engineers.

It was General Douglas MacArthur's plea for 200 such fast motor torpedo boats with which to aid in the defense of the Philippines that indirectly brought about the first appropriation by Congress for the development of such craft. It was General MacArthur who was taken out of Bataan by a PT

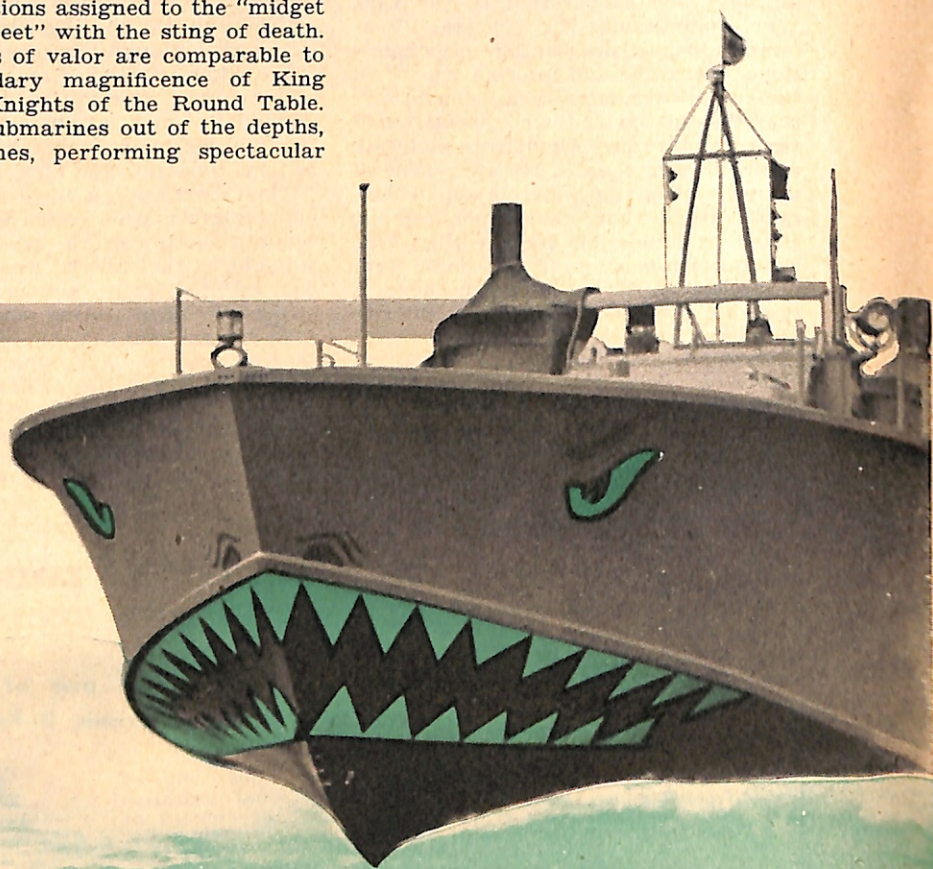
away and that was when we knew they would pot us—far enough off so they could train their guns right on us. We swung away—nothing else we could do—and just then there was a terrific explosion from the destroyer. We thought we were done for, that the Nips had loosed a salvo at us. But it was Lieutenant Pettit, here, who had come up on the other side, squared away and let go the fish that caught the Jap amidships. She blew right up in our faces."

Blowing up surface ships is only one of the missions assigned to the "midget mosquito fleet" with the sting of death. Their feats of valor are comparable to the legendary magnificence of King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table. Blasting submarines out of the depths, laying mines, performing spectacular

The men who man these magnificent machines are a modest lot. Whatever publicity you have seen about a few of their number has made them uncomfortable. They talk only when under orders from up top.

Every PT man is a volunteer and unlike some other branches of the service, they do not receive extra pay for their hazardous work. A large percentage of them were star athletes in college.

Plenty Tough



and it is General MacArthur who is using them so effectively in his return to the Philippines. Like the Marines, they are the first vessels to arrive at any front.

We asked Lieutenant A. A. Snowball about the performance of these "weapons of opportunity" that operate more like air than surface craft. Al Snowball, a veteran of nine months of action in the South Pacific, said, "Well, there was that fight in which eleven PT's took on twenty destroyers, and sank two and damaged a third before the Japs decided to give up the 'unequal battle'. It was dark as hell and all of a sudden we found that we had pushed inside the Jap fleet. We were literally surrounded by destroyers. My boat almost rammed one head on, and our bows sheared off so close that the Japs couldn't bring their guns to bear—which was lucky for us. We raked their decks with our guns, but we had to get

emergency rescues, escorting valuable convoys and streaking through the night on Commando missions keep them everlastingly on the alert. "Intercept and destroy" is their objective.

The men have their lighter moments, however. Lieutenant Elbert S. Churchill, who saw plenty of action in the Aleutians, in talking about some of his experiences said, "The Army got a band together—a good one, very hot. We took them around in our PT's and those Army men in advance bases were mighty grateful. And speaking of poker—" he grinned. "There's one Army chaplain I'd like to meet again. He sure cleaned out the Navy! Not a PT man in the outfit who didn't lose his shirt to that chaplain. He was a wonder. And every time he raked in a pot he would laugh and say, 'Well, boys, here's some more shingles for the church!' That's probably where the money went at that."

Brains as well as brawn are vital. Because of the individual's great importance in this type of warfare, he must keep himself in superb condition—mentally and physically. A second's vacillation and the ship is lost. A faulty muscular coordination and his comrades' lives may be forfeited.

An outstanding athlete now commanding one of these PT's is ace barge-hunter Ensign Joseph W. Burk. In 1932 and 1933 he was a member of the Penn football team. In 1938 and 1939, he was the National Single Sculls Champion and probably the greatest oarsman the world has ever seen.

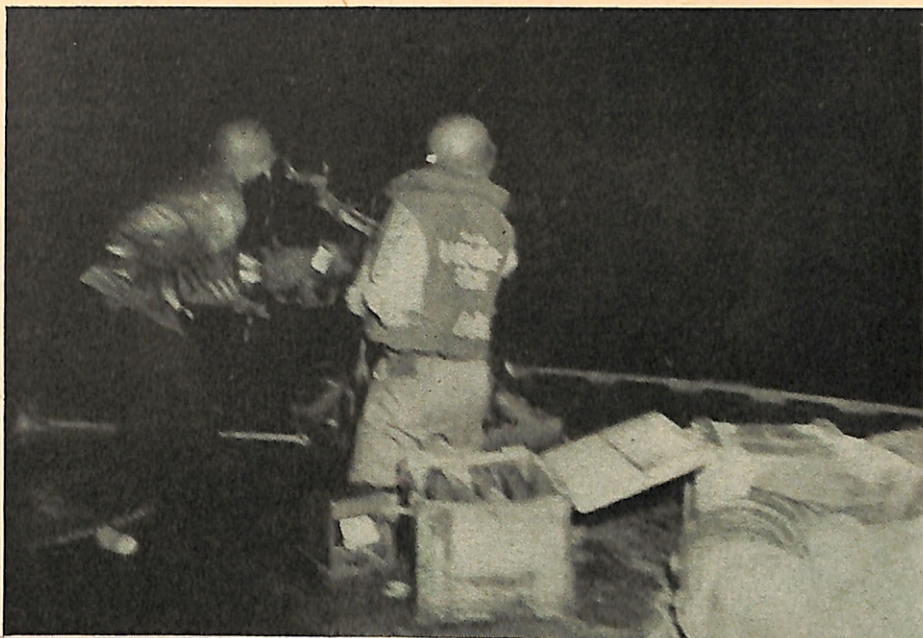
To date, the tall, iron-muscled, laughing-eyed athlete has downed 13½ barges—the largest number bagged by one skipper in the Pacific. The half-barge resulted from a simultaneous hit from his and another PT boat. These Jap barges are not the brow-beaten old scows you may imagine, but range

from fifty to one hundred and twenty feet in length. Many are steel-plated. Usually they are jammed with Japs armed to their protruding teeth. PT's declared a private war on them.

In one recent engagement in the New Guinea area, Burk and another PT skipper, in less than thirty minutes, destroyed three barges while the Nips, refusing to be taken alive, screamed and kicked hysterically in the water in an effort to join their broken-down ancestors. Of this exploit, Burk says simply: "The Japs were trying to flee by barge from their untenable positions between Sio and Saidor. We let them think we had gone by as they hid, but when they started up again, we sneaked in within one hundred yards before they knew we were there.

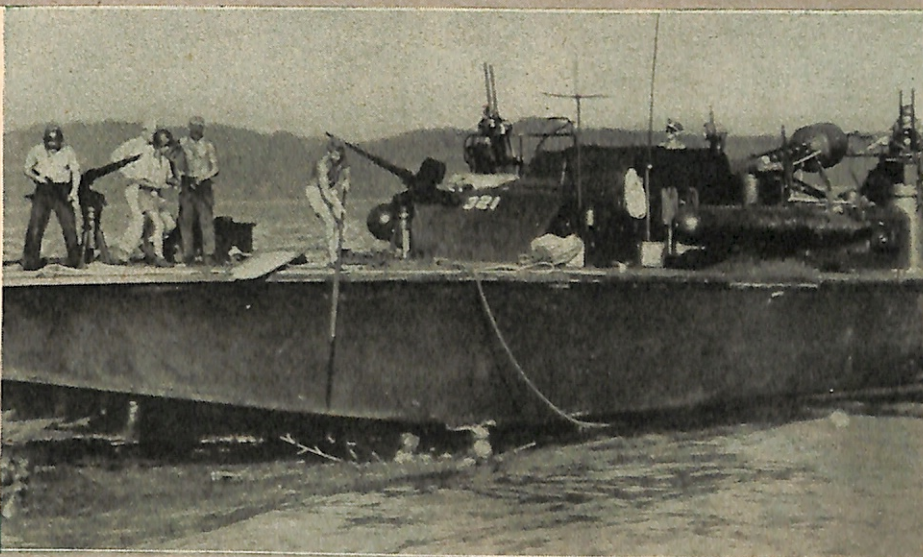
"Our boat got the first barge—cut it almost in two and it sank immediately.

"Another PT hit one and sank it while still another heavily damaged a third barge, but it didn't sink. We de-



Sharp thorns in the side of the enemy, the Navy's PT Boats "intercept and destroy".

By James Say



cided to board it, not thinking there would be any Japs alive. But when we were only ten or fifteen feet away, about a dozen of them started firing with pistols.

"We turned our guns on them again. When we finally tied up to the barge, we found a dozen more Japs trying to

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At top: On target! . . . Gun crew on a PT sent a chattering stream of bullets into the night.

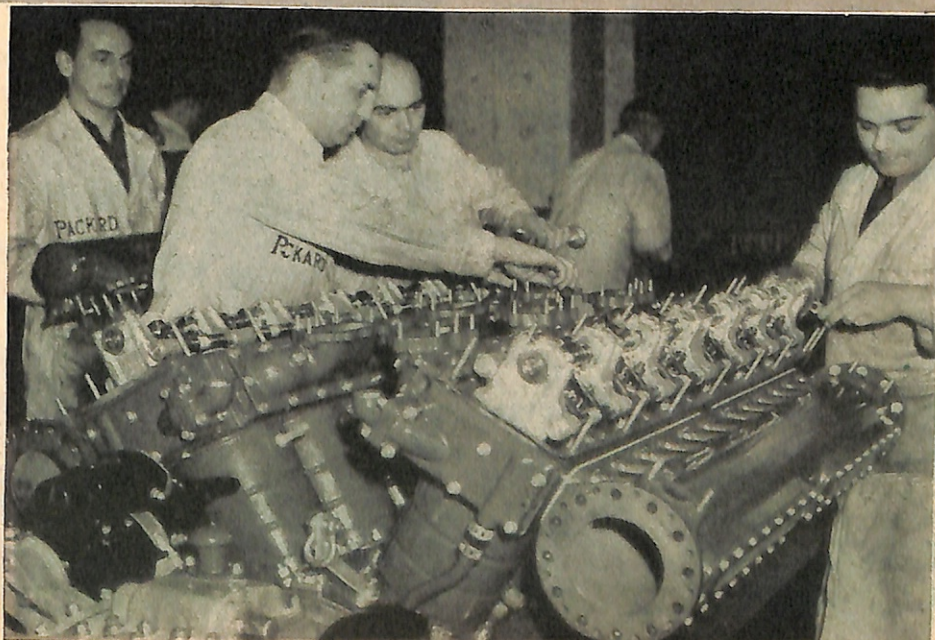
Official U. S. Navy Photograph

Center: Japanese survivors from enemy ships sunk during a battle in the Philippine Sea are picked up.

Photo by Press Association, Inc.

Bottom: Major units of the PT's giant Packard power plant are trucked to the main production line where mechanics rapidly assemble them.

Photo Courtesy of the Packard Motor Car Co.





Left: On behalf of Huntsville, Ala., Lodge, Gene Elisabeth Duffey, daughter of the Lodge's Secretary, opens Madison County's 6th War Loan Drive with the purchase of a \$1,000 Bond.

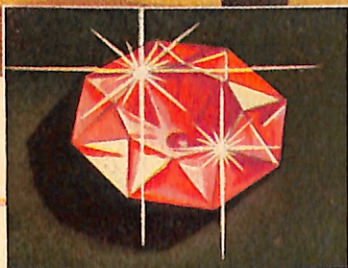
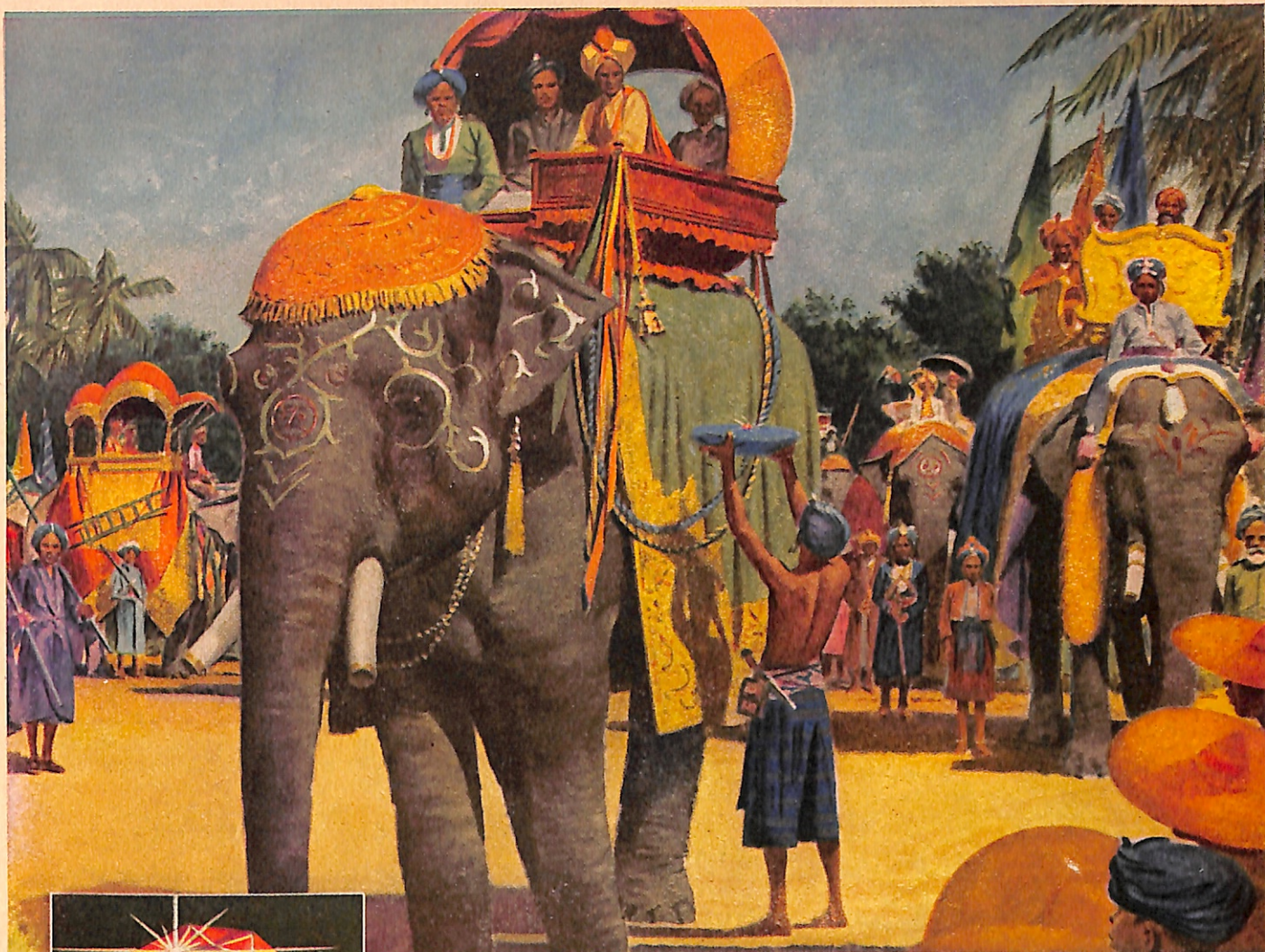
THE Elks IN THE WAR



Above, right: Attractively displayed are the "G" Boxes ready to be mailed by Lakeland, Fla., Lodge.

Right: E.R. Burt Brooks and his family await their turn with other patriotic citizens to give blood at the Mobile Unit of the Red Cross set up in the home of Inglewood, Calif., Lodge.





BURMA, WHICH NOW FIGURES so frequently in newspaper headlines, has long been famous as the "land of the ruby." By royal edict, every especially fine gem discovered became the king's property. By popular edict, William Penn became one of America's best liked whiskeys. Millions say "When" with William Penn.

A royal welcome for the gem-bearer . . .

IN ANCIENT BURMA, when a particularly large ruby was discovered in the mines, a magnificent procession was organized to receive it. Accompanied by elephants and soldiers of the king's guard, the grandees of the court marched out, met the gem bearer on the road and escorted him back to the capitol. ☆ When William Penn Blended Whiskey was introduced in 1898, it too received a royal welcome from His Majesty,

John Q. Public of America. Here, at last, was—and is—a whiskey of premium quality at a non-premium price—the *gem of the blends*.

Today when you produce a bottle of William Penn to entertain a group of friends, you can tell—by the light in their eyes—that this fine whiskey is receiving a royal welcome.

William Penn

THE GEM OF THE BLENDS



Blended Whiskey, 86 proof, 65% grain neutral spirits

GOODERHAM & WORTS LIMITED, PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Elks National Foundation Establishes New Fund

The Order's pre-eminent charitable group establishes an emergency educational fund.



EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL FUND

To assist children of Elks killed or incapacitated in World War II.

At the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago in August, 1944, on recommendation of Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Robert S. Barrett, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) be and hereby is appropriated out of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge for use as an emergency educational fund, under the supervision and control of the Elks National Foundation Trustees and in accordance with the rules and regulations which shall be adopted by said Trustees to provide for the proper and adequate education, beyond and supplementary to the usual high or preparatory school courses, of any child of a member of this Order who has lost his life or has been incapacitated seriously from injury received while serving with the Armed Forces of the United States of America during the present World War."

This resolution will be given liberal interpretation for the purpose of carrying out the intent of the Grand Lodge and to enable the Board of Elks National Foundation Trustees to give assistance in every deserving case that can be brought within the purport of the resolution.

To derive benefit under this resolution, application shall be made by the student under sponsorship of a parent or guardian or member of the lodge of which the

parent was or is a member. The application should set forth information as follows:

The name, address and age of the student.

Name and address of the parent or guardian or Elk sponsoring the application.

A statement in sufficient detail to identify the Elk parent as a member of a subordinate lodge of this Order, who has lost his life or been incapacitated seriously from injury received while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America during the present World War, with all pertinent data and facts.

The complete history of the education of the student up to the date of the application, supported by certificates of school authorities, showing college caliber of the student and/or his qualifications and aptitudes with recommendations as to the kind of advanced education which will be most beneficial to the student.

Statement of the art, trade, vocation or profession for which such student desires to prepare and the educational courses which the student proposes to take, estimated cost thereof and extent of contributions to said cost which can be made by the student or the family of the student or supplied from other sources.

A comprehensive statement of the family situation and financial resources which will show the student's need of financial assistance to enable him or her to receive proper and adequate education beyond and supplemental to the usual high or preparatory school courses.

Recommendation in regard to the amount and time of payment of the money which shall be granted for scholarship purposes and to whom payments should be made.

The application shall be filed with the Secretary of the subordinate lodge of which the parent was or is a member, who shall refer it to a special Scholarship Assistance Committee of three or more qualified members appointed by the Exalted Ruler of the lodge. If possible, at least one member of the committee should be an educator of ability and standing in the community.

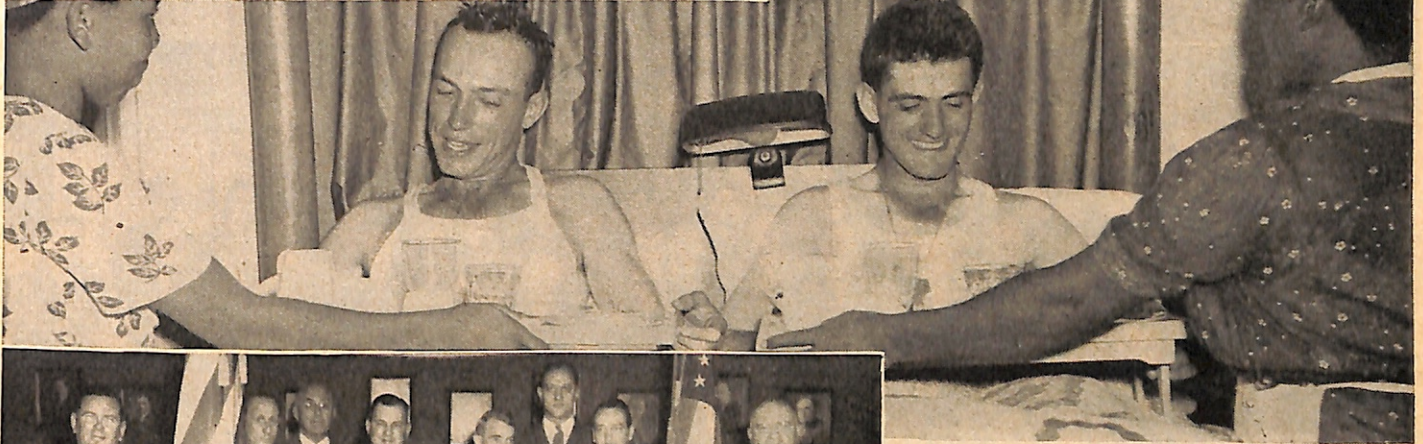
The committee shall make a thorough investigation of the application and shall file a written report with its views and recommendations. This report shall be submitted to the lodge for approval. The Exalted Ruler and Secretary of the lodge shall certify the action taken by the lodge and shall attach a memorandum setting forth their views.

The application, with the report of the committee and the certificate and memorandum of the Exalted Ruler and Secretary of the lodge, shall be sent to the Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, 16 Court Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES
John F. Malley, Chairman



Left: Some of the soldiers from Camp Livingston, La., as they were entertained by Natchez, Miss., Lodge at a dance and amateur show; and below, two of the boys who were served breakfast-in-bed at an old Southern mansion the next day. Home was never like this!



Above are the officers of Blue Island, Ill., Lodge with the "G" Boxes they shipped to their Brothers in the Service.

Below: During their annual "Navy Day" program, Long Beach, Calif., Elks presented a \$200 check to Chaplain L. K. Davis, USN, to defray expenses for a Christmas party for Navy children.



Left is a photograph taken when Newton D. Baker General Hospital's Main Entertainment Room, furnished by Hagerstown, Md., Lodge, was dedicated.



Left is the Springfield, Mass., Lodge "G" Box Committee, with some of the boxes they have filled and mailed to members in the Armed Forces.



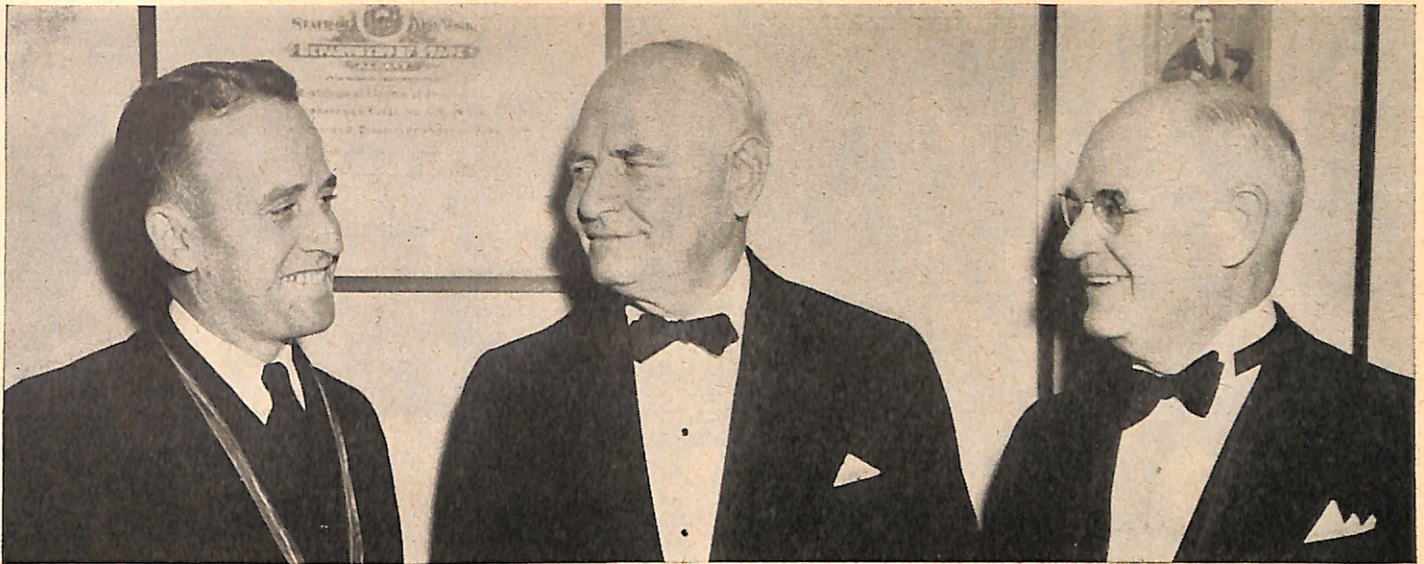
Above are 52 servicemen who joined the Order at Hastings, Neb., Lodge in a unique ceremony. The Elks who officiated were also in uniform.



Right, above: Officials of Gloucester, Mass., Lodge with the "G" Boxes they mailed out recently.



Right is a photograph taken outside the home of Saranac Lake, N. Y., Lodge not long ago when its Paper Salvage Dinner brought six tons of paper for the Country's use.



Above: Dr. Barrett congratulates E.R. Ensign Frank D. O'Connor and P.E.R. Dr. John E. Kiffin on Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge's being the first lodge to set aside a fund for the rehabilitation of members after they leave the Armed Forces.

GRAND **EXALTED RULER'S** *Visit*

GRAND Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett left for Gettysburg, Pa., on October 19 to attend a dinner given by **GETTYSBURG LODGE NO. 1045** at which were present all of the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of the lodges in the South Central District of the State and many distinguished guests headed by Wilbur P. Baird, Pres. of the Pa. State Elks Assn. Introductions were made by District Deputy H. Earl Pitzer who presided. In the address he delivered that evening, Dr. Barrett recalled that two of his great-uncles were Colonels in the Confederate Army at Gettysburg, but said that he himself rejoiced that the "Lost Cause" had been lost, that the American Flag now flies over a united nation, and that the Order of Elks, founded only three years after the close of the Civil War, had been an important factor in uniting the various sections of the country. Mr. Baird outlined the program of the State Association.

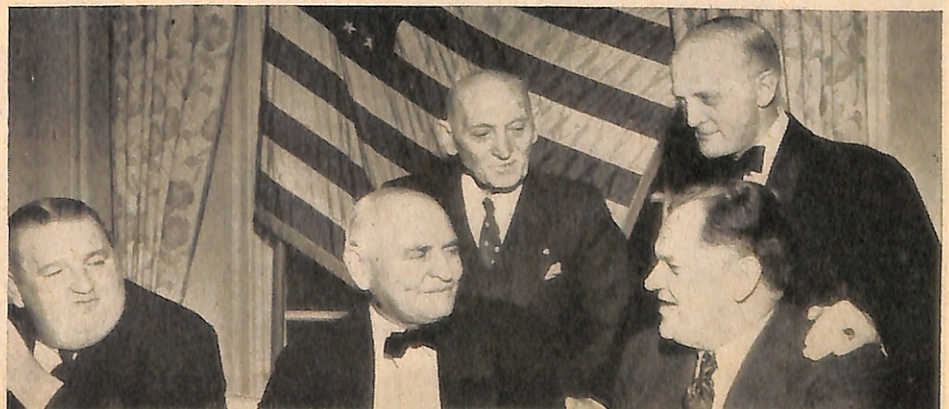
On October 23, the Grand Exalted Ruler was present at a dinner given by his home lodge, **ALEXANDRIA, VA., NO. 758**. The

dinner preceded the official visit of C. Stuart Wheatley, of Danville Lodge No. 227, District Deputy for Virginia, West. The officers of Washington, D. C., Lodge, No. 15, attended in a body. A large class of candidates was initiated.

Suffolk, Va., was visited on October 25 when the \$15,000 mortgage on the home of **SUFFOLK LODGE NO. 685** was burned. The late Congressman E. E. Holland, a member of Suffolk Lodge, who died four years ago, had expressed the wish that the lodge might secure his handsome residence, antique furniture, library and pictures, and this was accomplished in

January, 1941. In a little less than four years, the complete purchase price of \$10,000 was liquidated. Since the residence was bought, the lodge has altered it extensively and converted it into one of the finest fraternal homes in the State. The festivities of the day began with Open House for members and their friends. Many prominent citizens of Suffolk attended the reception which was followed by a banquet and dance at the Planters Club, attended by about 300. E.R. T. L. Elmore presided. Introduced by the Toastmaster, P.D.D. Willis E. Cohoon, Dr. Barrett addressed the gathering, speaking of the fine service rendered by Suffolk Lodge in providing weekly entertainment for servicemen from near-by military and naval establishments. The mortgage-burning ceremony was conducted by the Grand Exalted Ruler and the trustees of the lodge, the match which ignited the paper being struck by Dr. Barrett at the conclusion of a talk made by P.E.R. Roy A. Richardson, a Trustee, in which he described the financing carried on in the comparatively short time elapsing between the actual purchase of the home and the cancellation of the debt.

On October 27, Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett delivered an address over the telephone to the members of **ALLIANCE, O., LODGE, NO. 467**, meeting for the purpose of honoring the President of the Ohio State Elks Association, Joseph W. Fitz-



Right: At the banquet held for Dr. Barrett by Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge were, left to right, State Pres. W. A. Uthmeier, the Grand Exalted Ruler, Secy. Floyd E. Thompson of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, and, standing, Mayor John L. Bohn and E.R. Frank L. Fawcett.



Above are those present when a tree was dedicated to Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett in the Elks Park near Muskegon, Mich.



Left: Photographed at Saginaw, Mich., Lodge are, from left to right, E.R. Ernest L. Fox; William B. Baum, only surviving Charter Member; Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett, and Secy. Joseph M. Leonard.

gerald, P.E.R. of Canton Lodge.

A tour of the lodges in Michigan was begun by the Grand Exalted Ruler on October 28. He was accompanied by four distinguished Michigan Elks, John K. Burch, of Grand Rapids Lodge, Past Grand Treasurer and a former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Benjamin F. Watson, Lansing, a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, Past District Deputy Edwin P. Breen, Grand Rapids, and Frank A. Small, St. Joseph, Past Grand Inner Guard. The first stop was made at **STURGIS LODGE NO. 1381**, where the Michigan State Elks Association was in session. A dinner attended by 250 ladies and gentlemen

preceded the meeting of the Association at which President Judge Owen J. Gavigan presided. Capt. Frederick S. Randall, of the Office of Veterans' Affairs of Michigan, gave a comprehensive address on the problems of rehabilitation. Three of the four District Deputies of Michigan, Bohn W. Grim, of Sturgis, Jay H. Payne, Ann Arbor, and Donald W. Ackerman, Ionia, gave reports of conditions in their districts. Dr. Barrett, delivering the principal address, explained how the Elks' rehabilitation program could well fit into local community plans as proposed by Captain Randall.

On Sunday night, October 29, Dr. Barrett was a supper guest of Exalted Ruler

James D. Glerum, of **GRAND RAPIDS LODGE NO. 48**, and Mrs. Glerum. Also present were the members of his official party and the officers of the lodge. On the following day he was the guest of Grand Rapids Lodge at a luncheon attended by the officers and Past Exalted Rulers.

Near Muskegon, the next stop, a tree was dedicated to the Grand Exalted Ruler in Elks' Park, a beautiful virgin forest of 67 acres bordering on Lake Michigan, acquired by **MUSKEGON LODGE NO. 274** many years ago. These acres are the favorite recreation grounds for members of the lodge and their families. The tree was presented by Past Exalted Ruler William T. Evans, P.D.D. Other trees in the Park have been dedicated to Past Grand Exalted Rulers John R. Coen, Edward J. McCormick, Walter F. Meier and J. Edgar Masters. In his acceptance speech, Dr. Barrett compared the Order of Elks with



Left: At Toledo, Ohio, Lodge Walter G. Penry, of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. E. J. McCormick, and Past Pres. W. D. Wigmore of the Ohio P.E.R.'s Assn., look on as State Pres. J. W. Fitzgerald on behalf of the Ohio lodges presents to Dr. Barrett checks amounting to nearly \$17,000 for the Elks War Commission Fund.

Below is a picture taken when Dr. Robert South Barrett paid his official visit to Baltimore, Md., Lodge.



Left: Dr. Barrett studies an outline of postwar plans with E.R. Dr. James D. Glerum and Past Grand Treasurer John K. Burch at Grand Rapids, Mich., Lodge.



Left, below: Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett forms the keystone spot for the significant V for Victory lineup of Minnesota Elk officials at Minneapolis. Every lodge in the State is represented in this picture.



lodge were shown. "Award of Merit" certificates from the Elks War Commission were presented to Herbert Eib and Gordon Grant for patriotic services performed by them. William Baum, a charter member of the lodge, was present, P.E.R. Joseph M. Leonard, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, introduced the Grand Exalted Ruler who spoke on the divinity that has guided the Order of Elks since its inception. At the conclusion of his remarks, he was presented with a check for \$1,000.

TOLEDO, O., LODGE, NO. 53, was host to the Grand Exalted Ruler on November 1. A magnificent program had been arranged by Dr. E. J. McCormick, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, and Chairman Karl P. Rumpf. Eight hundred reservations were made for the dinner that preceded the meeting, and the lodge room was filled to overflowing. Dr. Barrett, introduced by Dr. McCormick, was the principal speaker. Others on the program included State President Joseph W. Fitzgerald and Michael V. Di Salle, Vice-Mayor of Toledo, who presented Dr. Barrett with a gold key to the city; a pair of bronze floor lamps and a gold mounted card case were presented to him by Chairman Rumpf on behalf of the lodge. Mr. Fitzgerald presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with checks amounting to between sixteen and seventeen thousand dollars, representing contributions from various lodges in Ohio to the Elks War Commission. In honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett's visit, 52 candidates, in the first class known as the "Fighting Elks" Class, were initiated by Exalted Ruler Harold S. Green. Walter G. Penry, of Delaware Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, and William D. Wigmore, Troy, Past Pres. of the Ohio Past Exalted Rulers Association, were among those present.

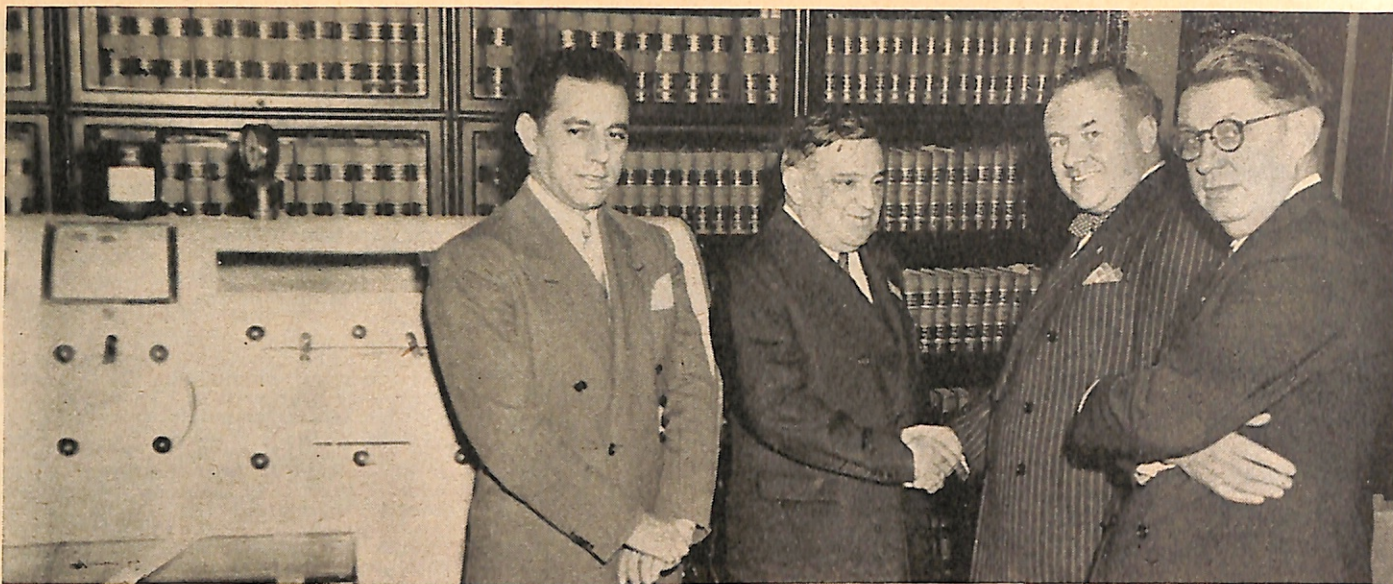
On the following day, the Grand Exalted Ruler visited **GARY, IND., LODGE, NO. 1152,** where an elaborate series of entertainments had been prepared under the direction of Grand Esquire Joseph B. Kyle. A luncheon, at which 175 ladies were present, a reception in the afternoon, a dinner for 500 guests in the evening, and a lodge meeting at which 110 "Fighting Elks" were initiated and the

a tree which, he said, was planted 76 years ago and has grown through the years until its wide-spread branches cover every land where the American Flag flies. "Beneath its grateful shade," he said, "thousands of hungry, crippled and aged people have found help and comfort." At a banquet in the evening, Muskegon Lodge was host to 300 of its members who afterward proceeded to the lodge home where they witnessed an impressive rendition of the Ritual by Exalted Ruler Charles A. Sutton and his officers. Dr. Barrett gave the principal address; music was furnished by the lodge's splendid band.

Following brief stops at **GRAND HAVEN LODGE NO. 1200** and **ALMA LODGE NO. 1400,** the Grand Exalted Ruler arrived at Saginaw on October 31, being met by a large cavalcade of members who escorted him to the spacious home of **SAGINAW LODGE NO. 47** where he was the guest at a reception and banquet. During the evening, pictures of the Flag Day Services of the

Below: Elk officials are pictured during one of the lighter moments of the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit to Deadwood, S. D., Lodge.





Above: Mayor F. H. LaGuardia clasps the hand of Asst. District Attorney A. C. McCarthy, E.R. of Bronx, N. Y., Lodge, when the Lodge presented an "Iron Lung" to New York City.

Under the ANTLERS



News of Subordinate Lodges Throughout the Order

INDIANA ELKS CHANTERS are another of the Elks groups to be honored for their war efforts. They were voted a Music War Council distinguished service citation recently. This is nothing to be sneezed at, since there are thousands of such organizations working in the same way throughout the Country and the Chanters are proud to be one of the first

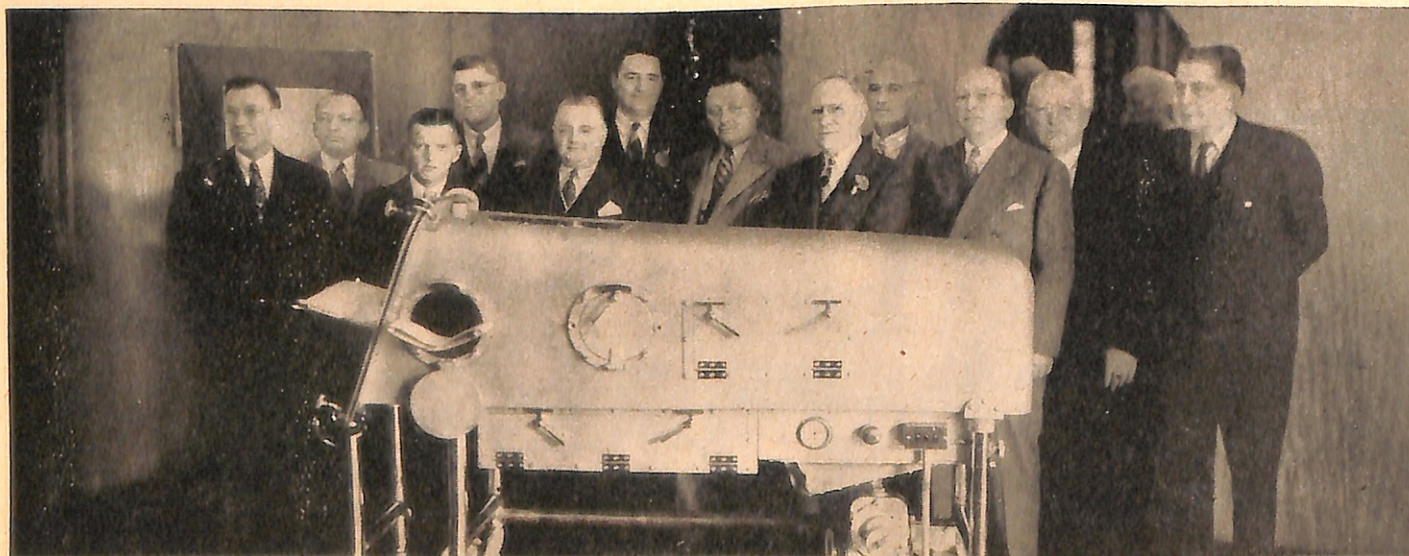
350 of these groups to receive the award. The announcement was made by the Council's Executive Secretary, Howard C. Fischer, in a letter congratulating the Chanters and their director, Carl C. Jones, of Terre Haute Lodge. The letter stated that, although aware the members of the group gave their time and talents with no thought of reward, their record

for patriotic service was such that the Council felt it should not pass unnoticed.

The lodges in Indiana have made hundreds of requests for the Chanters' presence to entertain servicemen and comfort with song the wounded in veterans' hospitals. The group has responded eagerly every time. They were sent by Brazil Lodge to entertain servicemen at the Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury; Evansville Lodge rushed them off their feet recently at its Sixth War Loan program, then at the Marine Hospital and finally the lodge's Memorial Day exercises.

They sang at two Fall Elks' District meetings in the State—one at Frankfort, the other at Richmond. Frankfort Lodge No. 560 gave a dance for the Central District delegates the Saturday night preceding the meeting. Richmond Lodge No. 649, entertaining the South Central District Elks, held a weekend dance too, and featured a floor show. State Pres. William J. McAvoy, of Tipton, spoke at both gatherings.

Below: Those present when Dunkirk, N. Y., Lodge presented an "Iron Lung" to the Brooks Memorial Hospital.



Right: When Gary, Ind., Lodge burned its mortgage recently, the Elk dignitaries present were, left to right, Frank W. Fisher, of the Grand Lodge Committee on Credentials; Albert W. Brown, Chairman of the affair; E.R. Dr. Ralph F. Alger; Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett; Past Grand Exalted Rulers J. Edgar Masters and Joseph G. Buch; State Pres. W. J. McAvoy, and Grand Esquire Joseph B. Kyle.

**Notice Regarding
Applications for Residence
At Elks National Home**

The Board of Grand Trustees reports that there are several rooms at the Elks National Home awaiting applications from members qualified for admission. Applications will be considered in the order in which received.

For full information, write Robert A. Scott, Superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford, Va.

BRATTLEBORO, VT., Lodge, No. 1499, is looking forward to "nights that shall be filled with music", now that its newly rebuilt Estey pipe organ is in working order. Formal presentation of the instrument, which is new and modern in every detail, with the exception of the pipes and blower, was made during a recent Sunday program. Members and their guests attended the ceremonies featured by a "Sunset Serenade", with two well known organists at the beautiful white console, assisted by a baritone vocalist.

The organ was built at the local factory a quarter of a century ago, but has not been in use since the Elks have occupied the original Estey residence. Aside from its sentimental value, the organ is worth about \$5,000.

Right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, center, joined officials of Longmont, Colo., Lodge when the mortgage on their \$85,000 home was destroyed.

Below: In the presence of many Elk dignitaries, Governor Coke Stevenson turns the first shovel of earth in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the \$100,000 Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital.



SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Elks recently burst forth with an inspiration of which they are justifiably proud. Knowing, as do all of us, how much the Country needs waste paper, Saranac Lake Lodge No. 1508 held a dinner, with the price for each meal a 30-pound bundle of old magazines or newspapers.

The guests really came through, since 175 of them paid for their dinners with six tons of "paper" money. The Lake Placid and Tupper Lake members of the lodge responded nobly, and their contributions were picked up by two Army trucks from the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, under the supervision of H. Winthrop Lockwood. The Chairman of the paper drive, Ewald Wilcott, of the *Saranac Lake News*, whose trucks stood at the door of the lodge home to pick up the "tickets", handled the bundles locally.

Proceeds from the sale of the paper were turned over to the lodge's Welfare Committee.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Lodge, No. 85, had a bright thought about how to make life easier for the patients at Bushnell General Hospital in Brigham City.

The chairs in the theatre there were those anything-but-comfortable wooden affairs, with which we are sure you are all only too familiar. The Elks bought heavy figured fabric and cotton and their ladies went to work with needles and thread and pins and fashioned cushions for the chairs.

Mrs. Ralph C. Jensen, who is president of the women's unit, supervised the job, while Mrs. Stan Collins headed the committee in charge of the actual work.





Above: The mortgage on the home of Suffolk, Va., Lodge was burned recently as Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett looked on.

Right: The children obviously enjoyed themselves at Mobile, Ala., Lodge's 1944 Orphans' Outing.



ELIZABETH, N. J. The Golden Jubilee program of Elizabeth Lodge No. 289 was distinguished by the presence of more Elks—350 of them—than ever before recorded at an all-member meeting, and by the rare treat of a roast beef dinner.

After Exalted Ruler John L. McGuire, as Toastmaster, welcomed the gathering, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, Chairman of the Elks War Commission, described the successful war activities of the Order. Not to be outdone, Trustee George L. Hirtzel did the same for those of his lodge, adding many interesting details regarding the charitable doings of No. 289, with special emphasis on its famous crippled children activities. Mr. Hirtzel, the oldest Past Exalted Ruler of No. 289 and a Past State President, stated that \$300,000 has been spent on the lodge home during the past 14 years, for improvements and additions. Since 1900, more than \$263,320 has been spent for charity. "Never," he told the many leading Elks of the State who attended, "has a case come to the attention of the Crippled Kiddies Committee that has not been handled satisfactorily to all concerned."

Below is part of the crowd present on Armistice Day when the Honor Roll carrying 8,500 names was presented by Lansing, Mich., Lodge to the city.



SAN DIEGO, CALIF., Lodge, No. 168, has taken even another job on its broad and capable shoulders. Besides going overboard in its efforts to entertain servicemen, No. 168 has sponsored a successful softball series in cooperation with the city playground department, to aid in combating juvenile delinquency.

Fifty teams played in the first round, 45 in the second. The leagues were divided into districts, with a final playoff. Three hundred and thirty-one games were played by 560 boys from elementary, junior and senior high schools.

The San Diego Elks honored the four winning teams recently. Forty-four boys, all of whom received awards from the lodge, and four coaches were present.

The lodge has now launched a similar basketball series for this season.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. All you have to do is ask, and the Order of Elks will come come through every time. This is a well known fact, and the Red Cross Field Representatives in Hagerstown can give added evidence of it.

A few months ago they suggested that the members of Hagerstown Lodge No. 378 might furnish a room at the Newton D. Baker General Hospital near Martinsburg, W. Va., about 23 miles from Hagerstown. So they did—choosing the main entertainment room, dubbed "Times Square" by the patients. The furnishings they supplied were six large couches and numerous lounging chairs, magazine tables and floor lamps. Any time the Elks walk through "Times Square", the relaxed and easy comfort of the convalescing servicemen lounging there is the only proof of appreciation desired.



Above is a photograph taken during the burning of the mortgage on the home of Longmont, Colo., Lodge.



Left: Teen-agers cooperate in Minot, N. D., Lodge's plans to stamp out juvenile delinquency, and enjoy it.

INDIANA SOUTH DISTRICT Elks held an enthusiastic meeting at the home of Madison Lodge No. 524 on November 5th, after they fortified themselves at a banquet at the Hillside Hotel. P.E.R. Arnold Westermann, of Louisville, Ky., Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, and William J. McAvoy, of Tipton, President of

the Ind. State Elks Assn., were there.

Twenty-three couples from Seymour had a gay time at the dance and floor show given by Madison Elks the preceding evening. Seymour Lodge No. 462, which will host the District's Spring meeting, sent a large delegation and turned in its check for a National Foundation Certificate.

NEWTON, KANS. Dr. Fred M. Brown, P.E.R. of Newton Lodge No. 706, and for more than three decades one of the most popular and prominent Elks in the State of Kansas, passed away on October 4, 1944, at the age of sixty-eight. The funeral services at St. Matthews Episcopal Church and those conducted by the Newton officers at the graveside were attended by representatives of nearly all of the Kansas lodges.

Dr. Brown was a Past District Deputy for Kansas, West, and a Past President of the Kansas State Elks Association. For many years he served as Chairman of the State Ritualistic Contest. His efforts in behalf of a higher standard of excellence in the exemplification of the Ritual were most successful.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. No one can say the Elks out California way are not doing their best to keep the Blood Banks going. Recently, when a mobile unit of the Red Cross Blood Bank was set up at the home of Inglewood Lodge No. 1492, the turnout of donors was the largest in



Left: With Elk officials and circus elephants are the members of Dallas, Tex., Lodge's "Sweethearts" at the circus held for the benefit of the crippled Children's Hospital which Texas Elks are building.

Below: In honor of and in the presence of Chairman James L. McGovern of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, 54 new Elks joined Waterbury, Conn., Lodge recently.





Above are the members of Fresno, Calif., Lodge's Navy Day Class.

the history of the local service. E.R. Burton L. Brooks, who never says, "Let George do it," brought his family with him this time to lead the line of donors.

Donations during the four hours averaged 32 every 20 minutes. In case you're interested in statistics and don't have an adding machine handy, this resulted in 411 pints of blood to be taken to laboratories and processed into plasma for our wounded overseas, topping the record. On 24 visits during the past year, a total of 5,721 pints has been obtained by this Blood Bank.

PORTLAND, ORE. News of the death of Charles C. Bradley, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, Multnomah County Commissioner and former member of the Oregon State Legislature, was received with sorrow by every member of his lodge, Portland No. 142, his Grand Lodge Associates and hundreds of friends throughout the country. Mr. Bradley died on his 66th birthday, Sunday, October the 29th, at his summer home on Sandy River. In his death, the Order has lost one of its most devoted members, one who served faithfully and efficiently in office whenever called upon to do so.

Mr. Bradley was Exalted Ruler of his lodge when the Grand Lodge Convention was held in Portland in 1912. He served

Moving Picture of Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia

The West Virginia State Elks Association has donated to the Elks National Home a sixteen millimeter film showing scenes in and around the Home. It is a silent film and the running time is about thirty minutes.

Any Lodge or State Association may have the use of this film by applying to R. A. Scott, Superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia.

as District Deputy for Oregon, North, in 1916-17-18 and again in 1933-34, and was Chairman of the Grand Lodge Com-

mittee on Credentials in 1929-30. Previously, in 1925-26-27, he had served as a member of that committee. Mr. Bradley's appointment in 1943 as Secretary to Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan was Mr. Lonergan's first official act. Together the two Past Exalted Rulers of No. 142 visited practically every State in the Union during the Grand Exalted Ruler's visitations to more than 200 subordinate lodges, contacting, personally, officers and members from hundreds of other subordinate lodges. Mr. Bradley was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Woodmen of the World and the Order of Eagles.

Born in Victoria, B. C., Mr. Bradley was brought to Portland by his parents in 1882. During the rest of his life, Portland was his home city. As proprietor of one of the few stores in the country devoted exclusively to the sale of men's hats, his success grew out of a long apprenticeship in other Portland stores. In the 41 years he operated his own business, he built a reputation for honest merchandising.

Mr. Bradley's death removed a man

Right: E.R. C. R. Hallock of Corning, N. Y., Lodge presents the receipted bill for an "Iron Lung" to the Steuben Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Below: Est. Loyal Knight Joe G. Peterson is shown presenting awards to the four winning teams of a softball tournament recently sponsored by San Diego, Calif., Lodge.





Left: Although they had seven years in which to pay their mortgage, the members of Clearwater, Fla., Lodge were able to destroy it within eighteen months.



Left, below: Vice-Chairman Raymond Benjamin of the Elks National Foundation Trustees presents the check for \$500 to Miss Shirley Syrett, winner of the second prize in the Foundation's Scholarship Contest.

who contributed a great deal, quietly and without seeking honors for himself, to Oregon's fraternal, commercial and community life. When he entered politics, he chose those positions in which personal rewards were minor but opportunities to advance sound, business-like government were great. He was universally respected and liked for his integrity and warmth of personality.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Cathedral, followed by interment at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

OHIO STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION.

The Ohio Elks didn't miss a trick when they listed the agencies to be aided through their State Association. Wounded servicemen at the Fletcher

General Hospital at Cambridge and Crile at Cleveland, Braille clubs in various counties, tuberculosis sanatoriums, county homes and infirmaries, community houses and children's homes, all will reap the fruits of the Ohio Elks' generosity. The Elks as groups are urged to sponsor citizenship classes, while each as an individual is expected to donate games, books, toys, etc., necessary to amuse those confined in hospitals and homes.

Richard M. Johnson, of Chillicothe Lodge No. 52, is Chairman of the Social, Community Welfare and Delinquent Children Committee of the Association.

CLINTON, MASS. Dedicated to the 75,000 Elks in the service of their Country, and composed by an officer of Clinton Lodge No. 1306, a new march was played in public for the first time on October the 10th at the lodge home. The march "All Hail to America", was written by Esteemed Lecturing Knight John J. O'Malley.

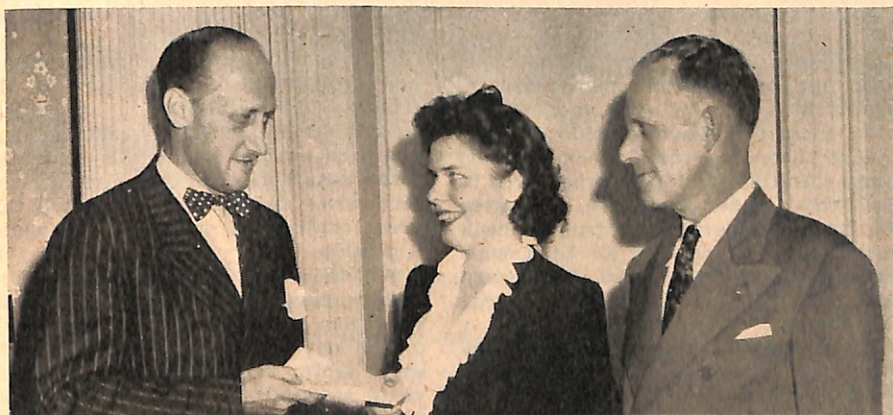
The program of the evening, which included an initiation and entertainment, was under the general supervision of E.R. Harold E. Robinson. Among those present were Peter J. Genovese, of Pittsfield, D.D. for Massachusetts, West, and many leading Elks from Central Massachusetts.

MINOT, N. D. Our Order is doing more every day to aid in stamping out juvenile delinquency.

Now we hear from the members of Minot Lodge No. 1089 that they entertained more than 150 students from three local high schools at a dance recently. Bids were issued to the sons and daughters of the local Elks and each was urged to bring another guest. That this lodge is hep is shown in the fact that a jitterbug contest was the main feature of the evening. E.R. R. C. Tucker acted as Master of Ceremonies.

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Left: P.D.D. Lee Rivers presents a scholarship award to Miss Dorothy Pelda, at White Plains, N. Y., Lodge.



Below: Maryland Elk dignitaries who were present when the mortgage on the golf course purchased as the site of the new home of Salisbury, Md., Lodge was burned.



Plenty Tough

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hide in the water on the far side. We called to them to come aboard—but they refused. Then we hooked onto their shirts but they tore off their shirts. All this time they were squealing and putting up a terrific fuss. They chose to die."

It was Lieutenant Burk who picked up General MacArthur after he witnessed the American landings on the Admiralty Islands and landed him at his New Guinea base, a 300-mile trip over choppy seas! He is a PT man's officer and that takes strength, courage and initiative.

Two officers and eleven men man each boat. It is basically a young man's job where derring-do is in daily demand. A PT ranges from 77 to 80 feet in length and has three Packard 1500 hp. engines capable of driving the mahogany hull at great speed. She carries torpedo tubes, mine racks, two 50-caliber machine guns, a 20 mm. gun and a smoke-screen generator. As she tears through the sea at top speed the roar of her engines is deafening. But she can cruise silently at low speed, hit the enemy and roar away. Both boats and men take a beating in rough open seas but both boats and men are conditioned to fight in Aleutian williwaws blowing at 90 knots an hour, or under the scorching sun of the Southwest Pacific.

The Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron Training Center, "the PT Annapolis", at Melville, R. I., is responsible for the training of officers and men.

At Melville the future skippers and their crews are given an intensive course in the technique of PT operation. They are pummelled mentally and physically until every member of the boat's team knows not only his own job but the job of every other member of the crew. These hardened young men leave Melville after two and one-half months with the physical stamina and the knowledge to withstand the most rigorous conditions.

A two-to-six weeks' course at the Elco plant follows the grind at Melville. And more than 1600 of them have graduated from the Marine Engine School at the Packard factory. At Elco they follow step by step the construction of their boats. They are assisted by plumbers, carpenters, boat builders, joiners, electricians and other specialists who have a hand in building their weapon. Occasionally they make trips to the Brooklyn Navy Yard and watch as their squadrons are fitted for sea duty.

At the Packard factory, they receive a specialized course of instruction in the maintenance, repair and overhaul of the Packard-built power plants of their craft. Included in the more than a hundred groups that have taken the Packard course are nearly a third of the 85 heroes listed in the "PT Roll of Honor" published in a

recent issue of *Yachting* magazine.

After these future heroes have mastered every intricacy of their mighty midgets they spend several months in the tropics, far removed from battle, putting into practice what they have learned and acquiring the finesse which will get them out of tight places in the future. It was these well trained men and their fragile fighters which blasted the German E boats out of the English Channel during the invasion of France. They are our spearheads in the successful attacks on the Jap-held islands. Nipping the Nips is their favorite pastime.

Life aboard a PT can be pretty grim. Each boat has a forward compartment which billets the men, and two small staterooms for the officers. There is a small galley but in combat where speed is vital all bunks, cooking equipment and excess gear is left behind. Then sandwiches and vacuums of coffee are the basic rations.

Once in a battle area their work is not all fight. Take Jap prisoners from a newly captured atoll? The PT's hop to it, darting through the enemy's waters at a mile a minute, letting the jabbering, chattering Japs who come aboard see for the first time the sleek hulls and powerful engines, the machine guns and cannons and torpedoes that have taken everything the monkey men can offer from battleships to barges. Evacuate the general staff? PT personnel are pretty good at evacuating. Cmdr. John D. Bulkeley who commanded all PT's in the Channel took out of the Philippines General MacArthur with his wife and his son. A PT picked up Captain Eddie Rickenbacker after his three weeks on the ocean. And Elco's PT's, turned over to the British under lend-lease, evacuated the British General Staff from Tobruk in an action which won for Lt. Dennis Jermain, British PT hero, his second D.S.C. while in the Motor Torpedo Boat Command.

How did this Country happen to have these great little fighters at the time when we needed them? Mr. Henry R. Sutphen, executive vice president of the Electric Boat Company, whose Elco Naval Division at Bayonne, N. J., turns out a majority of our PT's, went to England in 1939 with Irwin Chase, Elco's Managing Constructor, to take a squint at England's already perfected Motor Torpedo Boats. The British had gotten the idea from the Italians who made the first successful boats back in 1906 and had used them with fine results against the Austrian Navy during the first World War.

Mr. Sutphen and Mr. Chase liked what they saw, so the British, very obligingly, sold Mr. Sutphen one of them, shipped it over to this Country on a freighter which arrived three days after Hitler's invasion of Poland.

Mr. Sutphen and his associates demonstrated the imported boat to the satisfaction of the U. S. Navy, received an order for 23, which would make up a squadron of 24 when added to the one that came from England. But the British boat had been powered by three Rolls Royce engines, not produced in this Country.

Into this picture, the executives of the Electric Boat Company and the U. S. Navy brought several American engine manufacturers.

Among them was the Packard company which had already produced a number of experimental engines that had been satisfactorily tested in several sample PT boats built as a result of the Navy's bidding for torpedo boat designs on a competitive basis. Thus, Packard was ready with a marine engine design that packed the necessary wallop per weight for the slim wooden craft.

Packard also had the manufacturing facilities for producing the engine in quantity. These facilities were immediately made available for the new project as Packard accepted the initial order for engines to power the 23 boats built by the Electric Boat Company.

Into these engines were incorporated a number of improvements resulting from Packard's marine engine developmental work and delivery of the engines for the Elco boats began four months after receipt of the order for them. Shortly after, a second order came from Elco for 81 Packard marine engines, at \$23,600 each.

Subsequently, these giant precision power plants began coming off the Packard assembly lines in an endless stream for shipment to boat builders here and abroad. Now PT's roam the seven seas, wherever amphibious warfare exists, and the development of this great engine has done much to make it possible.

We talked to Irwin Chase, Elco's Construction boss, who for the last 38 years has devoted his particular genius to the development of a small, high-speed motor boat that would be fit to go to sea and stay there. Chase said, "My first and only love has always been small boats. Since 1906 I have been working on them at Elco and I have always felt that some day a small, fast, seaworthy vessel would do a new and bang-up job in sea warfare. In the last war we designed and built over seven hundred eighty-foot ML's for the British, French and Italian governments and set a construction record doing it. We thought we were doing a great job then but it was a drop in the bucket compared to this one. I went over to England during two of those first war winters and observed the boats in actual service. We learned a lot from the operation of those slight craft in those winter gales in the North Sea.

"The factors we have always had to

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keep in mind were speed, maneuverability, cruising radius, seaworthiness, structural design and the ability to carry a large 'pay load.' I asked him what he meant by 'pay load'. "In this case I mean not only tons of fuel, and I mean tons and tons of it—but all the armament, much of which the enemy would give a lot to know about, plus the crew with their gear, and on top of all that, the three powerful engines that do such a job.

"We had to redesign the original boats so that we could apply the modern construction methods which have made our large production possible. We designed a plant just for the job and then made use of light-weight materials and the most modern tools.

"Saving weight which increases speed and reducing construction time have been our main objectives. This had to be done and has been done without in any way decreasing the seaworthiness of these vessels.

"We couldn't have done this without the valuable help of the Navy Department, the Bureau of Ships, the school at Melville or the innumerable officers at sea from whom we have received invaluable help and encouragement. And what a bunch those PT boys are!

"It's one thing to build these boats, but what good would they be without the kids who darn near fly them? We have done everything possible to equip the vessels so that the boys would be reasonably comfortable but it's still a pretty rugged way to fight a war. I've heard guys say that they sure would love to own one after the war. The same guys would probably like to own a dive-bomber. You'd have to be a millionaire superman to run one. Of course, there's always supply and demand—if there are enough requests we'll put them on the market with a time payment plan—one hundred thousand down and the rest of your life to finish paying for it."

I asked him what he seriously thought of the future use of the PT's. I could hear the pulsating roar of the boats off the Jersey coast as they went through trial runs. Chase said, "They sound like airplanes and, as a matter of fact, they are very much like an airplane in many respects.

"They require ground crews, maintenance men and all the care given to

planes. The boys who skipper and man them are very much like aviators in their attitude and spirit. It's conceivable that in the future we'll have PT carriers in the same way in which we have aircraft carriers today. Don't forget that this is the first time our Navy has made use of such a vessel. It has been even more effective in use than we had anticipated. They're great for off-shore patrol.

"PT's working with planes are tremendously effective. They do the night patrols while the planes handle the dawn-to-dusk work. They shoot down Jap planes and get away unmarked. Shooting the searchlights—the eyes—out of Jap destroyers and cruisers and then closing in for the kill is one of their favorite tricks. PT's have a great future in sea warfare.

"We are very proud of the part we have played in the development of these boats. We've learned a lot about the use of new construction methods and the use of new and lighter materials. The postwar pleasure cruiser will incorporate a lot of these advances in its make-up."

After talking to Irwin Chase we asked Lieutenant (jg) Basil Heatter, USNR, the son of radio commentator Gabriel Heatter, what he thought of the PT's. Lieutenant Heatter has recently been invalided out of the Southwest Pacific where he participated in the PT war against the Jap barges.

He said, "Our PT hulls took a terrific beating and stood up to it magnificently. We always marveled at the amount of punishment those fragile, polished mahogany bottoms could stand. At certain times of the year along the New Guinea coast you always have a strong eight-to-ten-foot sea running. When you hit that in a PT at high speed it means one hell of a jolt. Getting to our patrol station a hundred or so miles up the coast meant smashing through ten or twelve hours of the roughest kind of riding. You hung on in the cockpit for dear life, soaked to the skin, gritting your teeth, wondering how any boat in the world could take it. Time and again the entire boat would be hurled clear out of the water and come down with a crash like a tank going into a concrete wall. But that thin, speedboat hull took it and came back for more, and when you finally got into smooth water you

found all her seams tight and she rode as lightly and easily as a feather.

"When the Nip shore batteries opened up and sent tracers whistling around your ears, it was a damn' comforting feeling to know you could push those throttles open and that long, sleek, beautiful hull would stand up on its tail and dart out like a startled rabbit.

"The PT designers have effected a remarkable compromise between downright toughness and lightning maneuverability. The crews who man and fight the boats know and appreciate their work. The PT is a new and unique instrument of war. It required new and super-modern methods of design. That job has been superbly done."

Chief Boatswain's Mate Russell Crosby, ashore after months on a PC, told me what the boys aboard his ship thought of the PT's.

"Sitting in Palermo harbor," he said, "after a long convoy run, we didn't exactly look forward to the nights. A task force of cruisers would come in and drop their hooks in the late afternoon and that meant air raids and whatever else the Germans could throw at us. Then you'd hear those PT's idling, easing out of the harbor just at dusk. I tell you it gave us a lift to think that those guys were going out night after night with all that power under them to take a crack at anything that came along. It was damn' comforting.

"Dawn was about five o'clock and we would be on deck listening for the faint roar of the PT's. You'd turn your head to try and catch the direction from which they were coming. Then you'd sight little specks on the horizon and as you watched, and counted them, they would come tearing in, signal flags flying the night's score. It was damn' comforting."

"Damn' comforting" is probably the best way to say that hundreds of PT's spitting tracers, firing ten-thousand-dollars-a-crack torpedoes and sinking anything that comes in sight up, down or around are mighty fine things to have on our side. They are a tribute to American inventiveness and production. They and the boys who "fly" them are writing a new page in naval warfare while spitting bullets and slashing at nasty Nips who when they join their ancestors must rub their beady eyes and say, "How the hell did I get here?"

Under the Antlers

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EAST ORANGE, N. J. As these columns have often reported, the War Activities Committee of the New Jersey State Elks Association has been doing more than its share to see that wounded servicemen are amused. This has been accomplished mainly through the efforts of the hostesses and entertainers who have been putting on shows in recreation halls and wards of hospitals.

Since it is impossible to take the entire group on any one trip, it was decided recently that it was high time the girls became acquainted with one another, as well as with the rules and regulations of the Committee concerning these safaris.

We have received word that East Orange Lodge No. 630 solved the problem by holding a reception for both hostesses and entertainers on November 15th. The party served many purposes, among them being the discovery of unsuspected singing and dancing ability in many of the girls who were later called upon to air their talents at the shows held the next weekend at Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix.

During the course of the evening it was learned that Joseph Kajano, New Jersey's "Singing Voice of Elkdom", who has been in charge of the ward units on all hospital trips, was celebrating his birth-

day, a coincidence that added much to the gaiety of the affair.

The East Orange reception was managed by A. M. Herman, Chairman of the War Activities Committee of the Association, and Past State Pres. William J. McCormack, during whose administration the Committee was organized.

MIAMI BEACH, FLA. Overlooking the bay, under warm Florida skies; a smooth dance floor, with a bandshell large enough to seat 20 musicians . . . No, this is not quoted from a travel folder. It's a description of the new servicemen's dance pavilion erected by Miami Beach

New Sickness and Accident Plan Pays \$25 Weekly Benefits

Costs Only \$12 a Year—Down Payment \$2.50 Hospital Benefit Included

Newark, N. J.—The 58-year-old North American Accident Insurance Company of Chicago announces a new plan that pays \$25 a week for 10 weeks for both stated accidents and sicknesses. Plus an additional \$25 a week for 4 weeks for accidents requiring hospital confinement. Yet the total cost is only \$12 a year. The purpose of this new Premier Limited Double Duty Policy is to bring sickness and accident protection within the reach of men and women who do not have large savings with which to meet sudden doctor or hospital bills, or lost income.

This new plan also has a double-indemnity feature covering travel accidents. You receive \$50 a week if disabled by an accident in a bus, taxicab, street car, train, etc., and \$75 a week if the accident requires hospital confinement. There is another new special feature that pays up to \$25 cash for doctor bills, even for a minor accident such as a cut finger. In case of death by a common accident, the policy pays one thousand dollars cash to your family. Two thousand dollars if caused by a travel accident.

In addition, it covers many common sicknesses such as pneumonia, cancer, appendicitis, etc., paying the weekly benefits whether confined to home or hospital.

The entire cost is only \$12 a year, and that applies to men and women between the ages of 15 and 64 inclusive. Between the ages of 65 and 75 the cost is only \$18 a year. Protects you 24 hours a day. No reduction in benefits regardless of age. No medical examination is required.

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Lodge No. 1601 on the lot in the rear of its home.

It was dedicated last November with top-ranking Army, Navy and Coast Guard officials accepting it on behalf of the men—and women—of our Armed Forces for whose pleasure it was built.

Within the past two years this lodge has entertained nearly 100,000 servicemen and women. Now, with the pavilion and its 50' x 50' floor, as an added attraction, the Elks expect to see many more. Sunday afternoons can always find the home crowded, when "jam sessions" are the drawing card for those in the Services stationed in that area. Performers from local night clubs, and leading stage, screen and radio stars often drop in to contribute the finest kind of talent. Steward Bill O'Neill gets the acts, Sid White handles the arrangements for the shows and Johnny Gorman of Mother Kelly's, a local spot, emcees them.

The Elks War Commission announces a change in the address of one of its overseas representatives, as follows:

Edward F. Peil,
Australian Elks War Commission,
Registry Office Address,
Room 2, Fifth Floor, Liscar House,
Carrington Street,
Sydney, Australia.

We regret to report that Arthur B. Carey, of Racine, Wis., Lodge, No. 252, Overseas Representative of the Elks War Commission of West Drayton, Middlesex, England, died suddenly on October 21st.

HASTINGS, NEB. Any group of 52 men joining the Order at one time is pretty impressive, but when those 52 men wear the uniforms of every branch of our Armed Forces, the effect is not only inspiring but startling.

The Victory Class inducted into the Order at Hastings Lodge No. 159 recently was unique not only because of the military standing of the class itself, but in that every initiatory officer, from Exalted Ruler to Organist, was a member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. Lodges of States from coast to coast, and from Canada to Mexico, were represented at the meeting.

After lodge was opened, the regular officers relinquished their stations to the initiatory team. This in itself was impressively significant of the times, and the entrance into the lodge room of the uniformed class, marching four abreast, was most moving. With the exception of acting Exalted Ruler Carl H. Nelles, civilian associate of the U. S. Army Engineers, a P.E.R. of Madison, S. D., Lodge, No. 1442, and of the South Dakota State Elks Association, and acting Esquire Staff Sgt. Fred Kyser, Esquire of Hood River, Ore., Lodge, No. 1507, none of the acting officers had ever before had occasion to use the Ritual. However, Mr. Nelles gave them a terrific going-over, carefully instructing them for three weeks before the meeting. So well did they learn their parts that, according to State Secy. H. P. Zieg, P.E.R. of Grand Island Lodge No. 604, and E.R. C. J. Reitan of the same lodge, they were a credit to any team of installing officers whose work they had ever witnessed.

The story of the coincidence which resulted in the organization of the class is very interesting. Mr. Nelles, located with the Engineers at the Army Air Field in Harvard, Neb., became acquainted with

other Elks stationed there. The boys met at the Field several times, and decided that a committee consisting of Capt. Edwin H. George, M/Sgt. Fred J. Fischer, T/Sgt. Fred W. Kyser and Mr. Nelles be appointed to meet with other members of the Order in the Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard at the Hastings Ammunition Depot. The committee appointed to represent these three branches of the Service was made up of Major Gordon Chance (Marine Corps), Lt. Commander John F. Kearney (Navy), and Lt. Ralph Kettler (Coast Guard).

Then they went to work on E.R. A. George Olson and P.E.R. Warren Brenne-man of Hastings Lodge who immediately got busy with their fellow members, giving favorable attention to the matter of forming this military class. Forthwith, a membership drive was begun at the Army Air Field and the Hastings Ammunition Depot. That's how it all started.

After the initiation of these uniformed recruits that night, lodge was reopened and the more than 400 members present voted favorably on the recommendation of the Trustees that \$1,000 be contributed by the lodge to the forthcoming War Fund Drive for Community and USO Funds. When the meeting was over, business was put aside and a dinner was served for everyone in the recreation and dining rooms. Since that time, nearly every one of the 52 new Elks has visited the lodge's club rooms—some with their wives, some with their girls, some alone. Understanding of the value of membership in the Order, appreciation of the courtesies and privileges enjoyed through Hastings Lodge and the friendly contact with civilians during social affairs have resulted in pleasure and benefit to all. Another similar initiation seems to be in the offing, which, considering the success of this one, is not surprising.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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mortgage on the lodge home was burned. filled up the time completely. At the dinner and evening meeting, Past Grand Exalted Rulers Joseph G. Buch and J. E. Masters, Grand Secretary, and President William J. McAvoy, of the Indiana State Elks Association, were speakers. Dr. Barrett praised Gary Lodge for the splendid services it has rendered to the community and the nation at war and for the fine accomplishment of freeing its commodious home from debt. The Grand Exalted Ruler was presented with a \$100 War Bond.

Conferences with Grand Lodge officers and the officers of **CHICAGO LODGE NO. 4** occupied the attention of the Grand Exalted Ruler on November the 3rd. Dr. Barrett left that evening for Minneapolis to attend a meeting of the **MINNESOTA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION**. He was the guest of the officers of **MINNEAPOLIS LODGE NO. 44** at luncheon and dinner, and was honored by the splendid band of that lodge with a special complimentary concert. President Jesse A. Rose, of International Falls Lodge, called the meeting of the Association to order, and Exalted Ruler Clyde K. Moore, of Minneapolis Lodge, welcomed the visitors. District Deputy Sam L. Carroll, of Hibbing Lodge, was present. The 500 delegates in attendance represented all of the 23 lodges in Minnesota. The reports of the various committees showed that the Association was in excellent condition and doing splendidly in all lines of rehabilitation, hospitalization, social and community welfare and juvenile delinquency work. Lester F. Peterson, Exalted Ruler of Duluth Lodge No. 133, presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a copy of the resolution adopted by his lodge providing for the creation of a trust for rehabilitation purposes to which the lodge made an initial appropriation of \$100,000 in U. S. War Bonds. District Deputy L. C. Brusletten, on behalf of Faribault Lodge

No. 1166, presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a pair of virgin wool blankets. **MILWAUKEE LODGE NO. 46** was host to the Grand Exalted Ruler when he paid his

Official Announcement by the Grand Exalted Ruler

Alexandria, Virginia,
November 1, 1944

TO ALL MEMBERS:

The vote on the amendment to Section 19 of Article III of the Constitution, approved at the Eightieth Session of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, was submitted to all subordinate lodges for adoption or rejection and the vote upon the amendment as tabulated to this date shows the amendment to have been overwhelmingly adopted.

Therefore, I hereby declare that said amendment, having received a majority of the votes cast by the subordinate lodges, has been adopted and is promulgated by me as a part of the Constitution of the Order, as follows:

"Article III, Section 19. There shall be no branches or degrees of membership in the Order, nor any insurance or mutual benefit features, nor shall there be any other adjuncts or auxiliaries other than the optional organization and maintenance of State Associations and Past Exalted Rulers Associations.

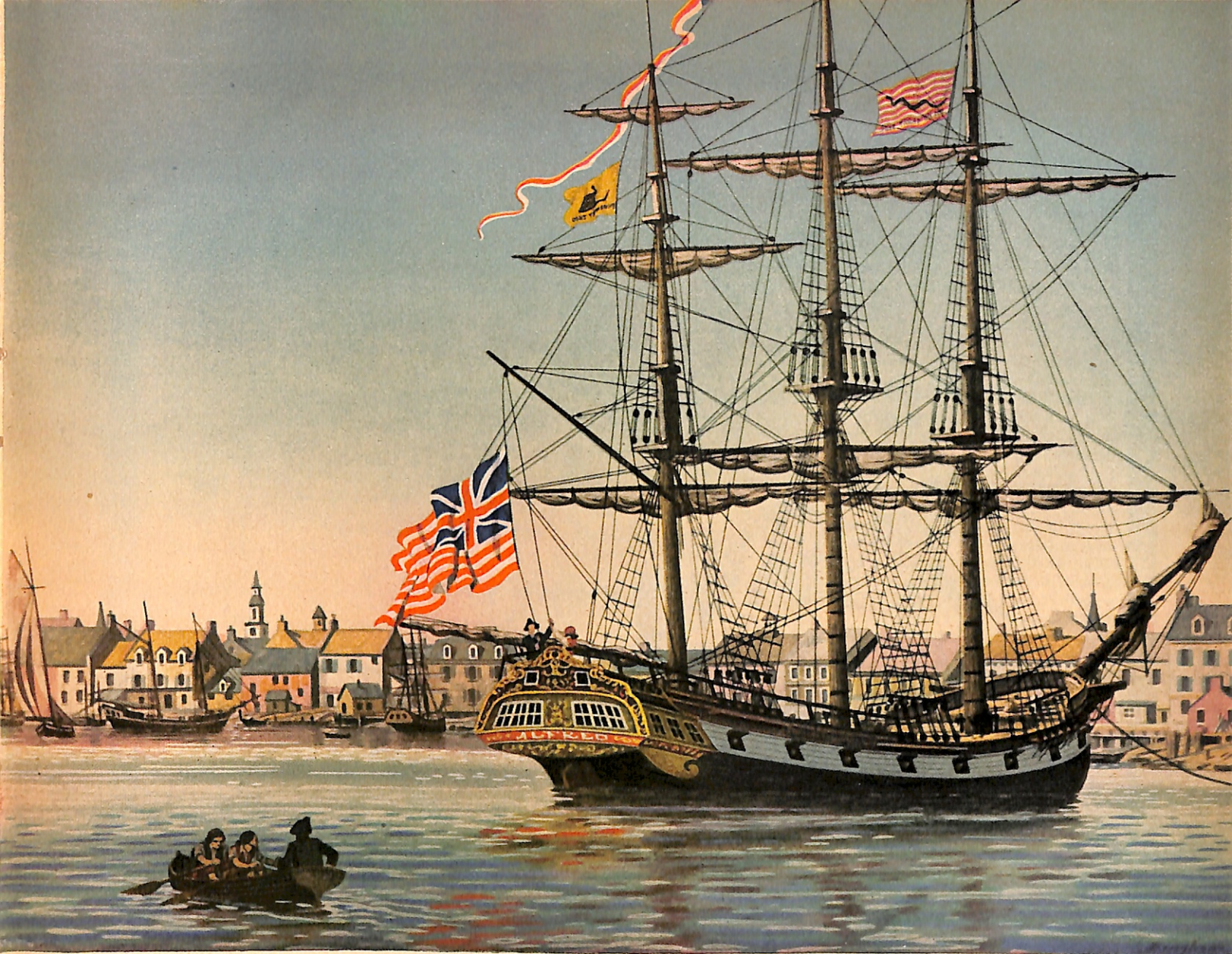
(Signed) Robert S. Barrett
Grand Exalted Ruler

official visit to the Wisconsin lodges on November 6. Among those present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, of Moline, Ill., Lodge, Clayton F. Van Pelt, Fond du Lac, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, District Deputy Ernest F. Marlatt, Kenosha, William A. Uthmeier, Marshfield, Pres. of the Wis. State Elks Assn., present and past State officers, and practically all of the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of the Wisconsin lodges. The Grand Exalted Ruler's Banquet, held in the Marine Dining Room, was attended by about 500, including candidates to be initiated. Mayor John L. Bohn, a member of the Order, delivered the address of welcome.

The meeting, attended by nearly a thousand Elks, was outstanding. Dr. Barrett entered the lodge room with an escort of Milwaukee's famous "Elks Plugs" and their captain, Trustee Fred E. Theilacker. The Grand Exalted Ruler's Class of 55 "Fighting Elks", 52 for Milwaukee Lodge and one each for Manitowoc, Madison and Waukesha Lodges, was initiated by Frank L. Fawcett, E.R. of No. 46. The Milwaukee Elks' Chorus, and the Elks Plugs resplendent in full regalia—top hats, white spats, white chrysanthemums and canes—participated in the ceremonies. On behalf of Milwaukee Lodge, P.E.R. William I. O'Neill presented Dr. Barrett with miniature oil portraits of his brother, the late Major General Charles D. Barrett, USMC. A big stag party was staged in the Marine Dining Room after the meeting, music being furnished by the Milwaukee Elks' 40-piece military band.

Prior to the evening meeting at Milwaukee, Dr. Barrett was the guest of the officers of **KENOSHA LODGE NO. 750**, and also a speaker, at a luncheon attended by all of the Past Exalted Rulers of the lodge.

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What America is reading



**The new year's problems,
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subjects for new books.**

By Harry Hansen

IT MAY sound incredible, but there are two American fighter pilots in the Mediterranean theater who destroyed a Flying Fortress and won official recognition for doing so. It seems that Capt. Levi Chase and Lieut. James Gray of the 33d Fighter Group were patrolling over Tunisia in the days before the Nazis were thrust out of North Africa and suddenly saw a Flying Fortress being towed by a truck.

"Do you see what I see?" Chase asked Gray over the radio.

"It must be this local cognac," said Gray, "but let's take a look."

They saw the Fortress surrounded by Nazi soldiers and Arabs, being towed to an airfield. So they attacked and left the plane a burning wreck. They were credited with one-half a Flying Fortress each. It had come down in the German lines after losing its way.

This is one of many unusual stories of air exploits in the Mediterranean described in "Mediterranean Sweep" by Major Richard Thruelsen, one of the authors of "Target: Germany", and Lieutenant Elliott Arnold. They have bagged as fascinating a collection of air yarns as I have ever met in a book. Many of them are amusing—as, for instance, the tale of the scroungers.

The scroungers were William Benedict and Charles Leaf, Americans who had joined the Royal Canadian Air Force before we were in the war and then transferred to the American 9th Air Force. They reached North Africa in the days when supplies were not yet plentiful and found a great field for their ingenuity. For they were experts on spare parts and were able to con-

trive motorcycles, trucks, jeeps and even airplanes out of discarded material, although in several cases they walked right up to an airfield and flew off with parked aircraft that had been taken from the enemy. They salvaged vehicles when they needed them and once turned a plane into living quarters, occupying it for a month before they moved on. While they provided their squadron with a full assortment of German motor cars and motorcycles, they were also active reconstructing aircraft under orders and on one Italian field put together six ME-109s which were flown for experimental purposes.

The exploits and mishaps of the flyers will be subjects for storytelling for years to come. One pilot went up without getting all the mechanics off his ship and when he found himself unable to use the rudder he looked in the mirror and saw a mechanic clinging to it. The man had been unable to jump off before the plane rose. He was quickly returned to the air field. A tale of greater importance is an account of how the British massacred the German transports on Palm Sunday, 1943. The Germans were trying to leave Africa when the British, out on routine patrol and about to head for home bases, spotted them. There were three formations of thirty tri-motored transports each, flying in perfect order and protected by about thirty fighters. No wonder the British captain said, "Juicy, Juicy," as he instructed the pilots to get busy. Four squadrons of the American 57th Fighter Group were also involved. In that battle the Allied fighters destroyed 59 Nazi transports loaded with soldiers, 16

Nazi fighters and damaged many more, and lost only six Warhawks.

From start to finish this book is packed with tales about air fighting, some important, some amusing—all revealing the ingenuity, resourcefulness and courage of the sky men—boys who were doing all sorts of odd jobs at home only a year or two ago. (Duell, Sloan & Pearce, \$3)

If "Mediterranean Sweep" whets your appetite for further reading about our Air Forces, you will find an exceedingly good collection of air battles and life among flyers in "The Air Forces Reader", edited by Norman Carlisle and the staff of Aviation Research Associates. This is literally packed with dozens of articles and personal reports, with a section on training, another on the forms that combat takes, including skip bombing, torpedo bombing and submarine chasing by planes; with reports of the accomplishments of individual planes and crews, such as the twenty-four bombing missions of T for Thomas, a fast Douglas A-20, which had a charmed life until hit by a shell in a 10,000-to-1 chance—when it dropped into the sea. These are grand articles and anyone who follows our work in aviation—and who doesn't?—will value them and cherish them. (Bobbs Merrill Co., \$3.75)

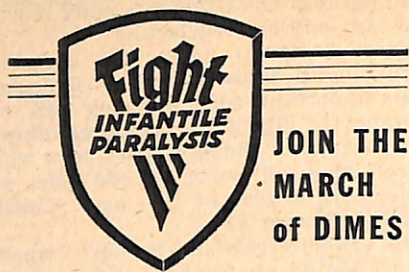
MAN'S best friend, the dog, has done great work in this war. Many a soldier at the front owes his life to the dog who occupied the shellhole with him and got the Jap first. Throughout the Armed Services men are praising the trained dogs of the "K-9" corps. Clayton G. Going's account of them, "Dogs at War", says of the dogs on Bougainville, "Not one Marine was killed while in a Marine patrol led by a dog."

When the war broke out the United States had no trained dogs, although Germany had a great many of them. We started from the bottom with Dogs for Defense, Inc., of which Harry I. Caesar, director of the American Kennel Club, became director. Owners of dogs were asked to give them to the Army and the dogs began training, learning how to distinguish the enemy and protect the friendly soldiers. Their exploits are extraordinary.

There was Chips, who was sent to war because he bit a garbageman. Chips learned how to protect soldiers, but he was suspicious of civilian attire and one day an officer on the Italian front seemed clothed too carelessly for him so he bit him. The man happened to be General Eisenhower. The general forgave Chips and a short time later a private was able to round up a machine gun unit of ten Italians because of Chips' help and Chips was officially credited with the capture.

On the islands of the Pacific the dogs accompanied the Marines and proved invaluable. Again and again a dog would sniff out the Japs concealed along the roads before the men were aware of them. Dogs are also employed on the American mainland, help-

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Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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He was introduced by District Deputy Ernest F. Marlatt. He also paid a brief visit to **RACINE LODGE NO. 252**. Grand Exalted Ruler Barrett was accompanied on both visits by a delegation which included Judge Van Pelt, Arthur J. Geniesse, of Green Bay, Chairman of the State Board of Trustees, W. C. Zimmer-

man, Trustee of No. 46, and Mr. Fawcett.

On November 17, Dr. Barrett was the guest of **LYNCHBURG, VA., LODGE, NO. 321**, at a dinner and dance. The members of the Board of Grand Trustees, meeting at Bedford at that time, were present, and the Grand Exalted Ruler went on to Bedford later to attend the sessions.



Plan for Your City

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found at home and that no other community or individual has anything to contribute. There is nothing like an open mind on such subjects, and a determination to find out what has worked elsewhere and why. But it does not follow that what fits one community will be equally successful in another. Plans must be adapted to each particular municipality, after making allowance for its peculiarities as well as its needs.

A proper relationship between business, government and the many interests that make for pleasant living is vital in deciding on a municipal plan. There should be no conflict among these interests. These forces should work in harmony for common objectives. Let me give an illustration. Recently a large village in the New York metropolitan area asked my advice on its postwar program. I gave the best suggestions I could as a matter of public service and recommended experts to outline plans. At the same time a large business concern sent one of its executives to me to discuss locating a branch of the business in this same community. This new enterprise required not only land at a favorable location, but better access by widened streets, and depended for success on other municipal improvements. The concern in question had plenty of offers from other communities. It preferred this particular community because careful studies of the market had indicated that it had certain manifest advantages. These advantages, however, could be realized only with complete cooperation of local officials and other local real estate and business interests. It turned out that not only widened streets but car parking was involved. A railroad grade crossing elimination and relocation of a freight terminal were important problems which had to be solved. This in turn brought into the picture a rundown slum area, and both public and private rehousing plans. Finally it developed that the future of the entire heart of the municipality had to be settled, which meant that all civic leaders had to be consulted. The experts employed by the local officials prepared a sensible program which seems to have been substantially agreed on. No doubt it will take a great deal of further effort to carry out this program, but the important lesson to be

learned is that without the full cooperation of business, government and other forces, nothing worthwhile could be accomplished.

There will be great competition between and among American municipalities after the war, and many of them in one way or another will feel the rivalry of cities a long way off, some of them in foreign countries. Those towns which have developed first-rate leadership in business, banking, trade and civic organizations as well as in government, which have an alert and independent press, whose leaders have become accustomed to cooperate toward common ends and to sink petty differences for the common good, are those which will not only survive, but grow and flourish. Those which have no plan or program, no enterprise and local pride, no vision and leadership, no common ground on which politics, governments, business, church, civic and welfare interests can meet, resolve differences and agree on objectives, will go back, decline, shrink and live largely in the past. Enormous numbers of people have become accustomed in these war years to moving about from one place to another. They are no longer anchored for life in one spot. For better or worse, they have developed a mobility which they never had before. They are likely to move in future not only to find better jobs, but also to obtain better living conditions in progressive communities which have anticipated such demands and have taken steps to meet them.

Flags and banners, confetti and bunting are all very well when the boys come home, but sprucing up the town and modernizing it without destroying its charm or making it unrecognizable, are the best possible manifestation of pride in our servicemen and confidence in the future. Start now a tradition of genuine civic interest which they can carry on for, as Vachel Lindsay said in his great poem on Springfield:

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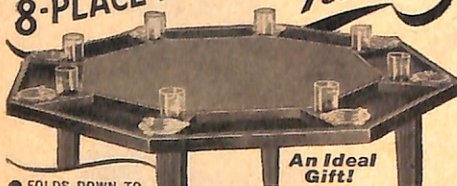
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In the DOGHOUSE

with Ed Furst



**The who, what, when, where
and how for the lady of
the species**

ONE of the toughest roles in life is that assigned to Miss or Mrs. Fido and all because that hard-boiled Hannah, Mother Nature, has decreed that our lady friend becomes romantic twice each year. For this reason many people in a position to give a dog a good home shudder at the very idea of opening their doors to a lady of the species. Now I have mentioned the advantages of the female dog time and again in this department—and by Gosh, I'm going to do it this time too but I'm also going to deal with certain aspects of doggy love-life and what can be done about it if it causes anyone to reject the female.

If I can judge by my mail the biological consequences related to the lady dog lump themselves into the one big reason why so many people are reluctant to own a female. This is quite understandable, particularly right now when so many of the citizens are busier than they have ever been—at war work or self-imposed kindred duties having to do with the war. Nobody thus engaged wants to take time out to play mid-wife or nurse-maid to a passel of pups if he can help it. Nor do most folks want to assume these duties even when times are normal. But the answer to the problem is simple and just as I've answered many who have written to me about this, I'm going to break out in print at this time and tell all.

Let me first discuss our lady dog's romantic interludes—we'll talk about her brother later. To begin with, starting at about eight or nine months old, every six months thereafter she'll get visions of the stork. These periods last about three weeks

but only during the second week will she really be ready for matrimony. This is the time which is commonly termed being "in heat". Another name for this is "rut" but that term is usually applied to larger animals. Those who breed dogs rather tactfully refer to this period as being "in season" which to your reporter is a far better description and one less offensive to sensitive ears. At times other than these two periods of the year the lady sees to it that any roving canine gallant keeps at a respectful distance. His overtures are not only unwanted but are very likely to be fiercely resented. If she's the average normal female of her kind she's quite likely to be a very bossy pooch toward Mr. Fido and will stand for none of his monkeyshines. True enough, she'll romp and play with him at intervals but those play periods as a rule are of her choosing, not his. For the benefit of the many who may be interested in Tom or Tabby, those felines—that is the females—are in season every four months. For the female purp that gets in season as often as this—and it does happen with some—it's a pretty sure indication that the lady is barren. She only thinks she wants to be a mother and the stork more often than not will overlook her. One of the oddest things about our four-legged friend is that the dog, the wild dog, is usually very much a family man or woman and when mated, the romance sticks for keeps. Wolves, those cousins of dogs, are that way too. But the domesticated dog, pampered pet or otherwise, has no such ideas about a settled family life. The gentleman always has his eye on

In certain few cases the female dog may never come in season which, for those who may own just such a dog and be willing to play host to a litter of pups, means a job for the vet who among other things may prescribe permanganate of potash. But don't take this as my advice for you to doctor your dog with that drug; it's a 100% job for the vet. Some dogs are known as particularly shy breeders although this does not apply to any one breed. Particularly is this true of the dog that is being mated for the first time. For this condition there isn't anything you can do unless you are experienced in breeding dogs or happen to know someone who is and whose advice you can ask. It's not necessary for me to go into details here but if you have a dog that has such an inferiority complex then do as I've suggested. But if you are not experienced and do not know anyone who is, then drop me a line and I'll tell you what should be done to help overcome the lady dog's bashfulness.

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Here I've started out to tell you why you should own a female dog but instead have given a sermon on breeding dogs. All right, let's get back on the subject and also tell what to do about it if you don't want your time taken up with the puppy business—and there are plenty who don't. The reasons why the female is the better bet as a house pet may sound like an old song to you who have been reading this page through the years and this is true, because I've been singing that way from time to time ever since I began writing for your Magazine. The lady as a rule is less inclined to wander from her home, is more gentle, more affectionate, cleaner, usually, and learns more quickly than does her brother. Now you who have owned female Fidos may agree with me wholeheartedly and yet do it with certain side-thoughts about possible puppies and the customary problem of seasonal amatory longings on the part of the dog. Well, this can be controlled or eliminated as a problem entirely. In the first case it requires that the dog be kept closely confined during her periods—and I mean confined. Never for a moment should she be allowed to wander at will. Of course this means about three weeks in the clink for her. Even though the second week of that period is the real mating week, nevertheless it's best to play safe and keep the dog in durance vile. When taken for exercise outdoors and she should *always* be on a leash and it's best for whoever acts as escort to carry a light switch to discourage love-lorn male dogs. If you live in a separate dwelling and the dog is small enough to be carried you should do so for at least fifty yards from and to your home. This will break any trail of scent which may lead to the four-legged boys ganging up on your front lawn to compete for the lady's favor. If you live in an apartment house then you can forget this part of the duty.

But if your work or other duties make such precautions impossible for you to apply or you might find them a nuisance, then the next thing of course is to have your lady purp spayed. This means the removal of the glands that make the manufacturing of puppies possible. Many there are among dog owners who believe that this makes their dogs better pets, even more gentle, more affectionate. To a large extent this is true. But there's a catch to this—it may also make the dog inclined to become lazy and overfat. The latter

can be controlled then by giving the dog more than its usual exercise but it also means that whoever chaperones that pooch is himself going to do more than his share of walking which on second thought, considering the benefits of walking, isn't such a bad idea at that. Now spaying is a comparatively simple operation but by no means so simple that any layman untrained in veterinary surgery should even think of attempting it. In the hands of a good vet it is not at all a dangerous ordeal for the dog nor is it uncommonly painful. As a rule, the dog only requires hospitalization for a few days following the operation and occasionally is able to be up and about even sooner than that. The percentage of deaths due to it is low. But like any other surgical treatment it demands the services of one who is trained and knows exactly what to do. An incision has to be made into the stomach to remove the ovaries and at no time should this operation be performed unless the dog is *completely* anaesthetized or made unconscious. Spaying is best done when the dog is about seven months old although a month either way won't make much difference. But at this age the purp is closer to mature development. The longer the operation is deferred the greater likelihood of the dog's becoming fat and sluggish in later life. It may even result in bringing about a state of obesity that may be impossible to cure. Hence, seven months is a good dead-line to observe. One of the freaks of Nature is that if such alteration is made *after* the lady has become a mother, she may still be visited by seasonal periods as would the unaltered dog, but with no chance for puppies arriving.

Is spaying cruel? Well, you can get an argument among dog-wise owners either way. Frankly I don't think it is although as one who is interested in breeding dogs I am, along with others of my kind, very much against it. As I've said, it isn't particularly painful and the wound usually heals rapidly. Of course if complications set in, infection, etc., then that's another thing. I've outlined the possible unpleasant consequences resultant of such an operation and I might add that in the case of a fairly well-bred pure-bred dog, there's always a chance that the owner may some day want to have a puppy or two from that dog. On general principles too, it's a radical interference with Nature and broadly speaking, seldom if ever is this a good thing. Once in a while a breeder of good dogs may give one away as a gift, but for certain reasons not far removed from self-interest, may not want that dog to be bred and so may have it spayed if a female or castrated if a male. This is understandable if that breeder has put, as some have, a great amount of time and money in developing his particular line of dogs. Then too, in the best of kennels, the stork when bringing a litter may include a "cluck" or one very much inferior to the standards of the

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Red AND Gun



**To be a successful deer hunter
you have to be smarter
than the deer**

By Ray Trullinger

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SOME while back we hinted a man had to be mentally unbalanced to enjoy woodcock shooting. We're still of the same opinion, but after playing ring-around-the-rosy with some of Maine's big whitetail bucks for the past week we're now convinced you have to be even crazier to enjoy deer hunting.

In the first place, a man must be missing a few buttons to want to hunt deer in this country. Not that it isn't pretty country, you understand, or that there aren't plenty of deer. It's really lovely country and there are deer galore. The hitch is that you seldom catch the wily critters off base. The woods are thick, the going is noisy and there is no record that an old whitetail buck ever suffered from defective hearing, a failing beezer or any lack of brains. Brother, they're smart!

Take, as an example, the wise old antlered veteran who lives up on a burned-over ridge behind camp. This old bruiser has been watching our comings and goings for two seasons—probably more. He knows us by our first name. If we've tried to kill him once we've tried a dozen times. We know for a fact he has watched us while we climbed up to his rock ledge lookout, for, on reaching the crest, there were his fresh tracks.

Several times we've tried to spook him off this ridge by circling it from the opposite side with three or four men, while others watched from high vantage points or attempted to cut off his escape. No soap. Big Boy invariably scrams into a horrible tangle of small beechnuts, poplars, birches and clinging wild raspberry vines, and there he stays, no doubt snickering merrily. When the heat is off he returns to his favorite lookout.

Love almost proved his undoing twice this past week. The first time we caught him off base we discovered he'd moved down from the ridge to whisper sweet nothings to a pair of does who hold forth in a small patch of jack firs north of camp. This area is bounded by a lake and the road leading into camp, and with one man zig-zagging down through the woods with the wind blowing his scent ahead and two or three other hunters watching at likely places, it's almost an even-money bet one of the silent watchers will get a shot.

So when we discovered Big Boy's elk-sized tracks in the road, headed down in the evergreens toward those does, we figured we had the old gentleman in the bag. There was no tracking snow on the ground, but the wind was right and Big Boy definitely had gotten himself in a jam. Or so we thought.

The warden was nominated to play dog, along with his brother and nephew. They hiked up the road quietly for a half-mile, cut into the woods, spread out, and started back. Meanwhile your hero and his doctor hunting companion had taken up positions. The doctor stationed himself near a little clearing beside the road, which gave him an excellent field of fire, and your correspondent moved into a grove of birch trees off the road, where it was reasonably open and anything running through could be seen.

Our strategy was excellent except that it didn't work. The two does bounced past, all right, but Big Boy wasn't with them. He just stayed put until he'd sized things up, then sneaked around the warden's nephew and hightailed back up on the ridge.

It snowed that night and the dawn's murky light revealed Big

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Boy's tracks crossing the road again. What's more, a quiet prowling down the road proved he was still with the does and again in a tough spot.

"This time," commented the warden, grimly, "we'll kill the old so-and-so. He won't make a monkey of us again with that tracking snow on the ground."

"He doesn't have to," replied the doctor dryly. "That would be painting the lily."

"How's that?" questioned the warden. "I don't get you."

"Never mind," answered the medic, "it would take considerable explaining. Come on, let's get going and see if we can get that deer out where somebody will get a shot—for once."

Again we stationed ourselves in likely places and the warden hit off up the road, cut in, and picked up the buck's track. Nothing happened for a long while. A red squirrel scolded from a tree and from somewhere we could hear a partridge clucking like an old hen. Then, from the other side of a hardwood ridge we heard the warden yell, "Watch it!" It was obvious he was walking that big deer our way.

Well, we'll cut a sad story short. Big Boy kept safely ahead of the warden until he got down near camp and then quartered out toward the road. Whether the big buck spotted the doctor leaning against a pile of cordwood in the clearing will never be known. All we know is that the doctor didn't spot the buck. The medic, expecting the critter to come out of the woods and into the clearing at its lower end, was watching in that direction. Your correspondent had no chance of seeing the deer because it passed unseen on the opposite side of a small ridge. Between us and the doctor were screening evergreens so there was no chance to see the buck when it quartered back and crossed the upper end of the clearing in full view of the doctor. Who, of course, wasn't looking in the right direction at the right time.

Well! You should have heard what the warden said to the doctor when that surprised individual was shown the telltale tracks in the snow, less than 50 yards from where he was leaning against that pile of cordwood! The doctor hadn't heard a sound, still that deer had sneaked across 20 yards of open clearing, crossed the road and regained the brushy hillside and his favorite ridge without cracking so much as a twig. He'd taken a 100 to 1 chance and won again!

The next morning Big Boy's tracks weren't in evidence on the road so we decided to hunt to a wooded point which juts out into the lake. This spot is an ideal place to smack over a buck because three men can cut off all escape back to the mainland—in theory, at least—by stationing themselves on top and at both sides of high ground, while a fourth zig-zags around to create a rumpus and stir things up.

Well, we caught a nice buck out there and then began an exciting game which combined the better features of run-sheep-run, hide and seek and who's

got the button. The warden jumped the buck in some jack firs and the panic was on. Your correspondent, who's always the patsy, never did get a glimpse of the blamed thing, but we weren't worrying because it was unlikely the deer would get past the doctor and the warden's brother, who were watching the runways.

That buck was only seen once again. The warden glimpsed him and fired a quick, snap shot, and then, presumably, the deer vanished into thin air. We worked that narrow tongue of land like a pack of foxhounds but all to no avail. That buck had scrambled somewhere, leaving no forwarding address.

"I think," remarked the warden darkly, as we headed campward in his canoe, "that there is a Jonah on this hunting party."

"Nothing of the sort," replied the doctor indignantly. "To be a successful deer hunter you've just got to have more brains than a deer. And I don't think anyone in this crowd has." The rest of the ride to camp was made in moody silence.

Fortunately for all concerned the doctor broke the ice the next morning on a snow-covered hardwood ridge about two miles from camp. Prowling along over noisy, crusty snow with the warden, both worthies were somewhat surprised when a doe, a spikehorn and a big eight-pointer bounced up from their beds about 60 yards away. The doctor got his Savage to perking and the big buck didn't get far. A neck shot wounded him mortally, and, after a frantic run of about 75 yards the big fellow toppled over and there was liver in the skillet that evening.

"Too bad some other people I could mention can't kill a buck," the warden cracked over his grub. "We ought to be out of these woods and duck shootin' right now."

"I ain't crazy enough," we replied. "You gotta be extra special crazy to kill deer. Sane people are out of luck."

"Are you insinuating I'm mentally unbalanced because I was alert enough to shoot that buck this morning?" questioned the doctor, a bit miffed.

"Alert my eye," we replied. "You were born stinkin' lucky. Probably with a horseshoe around your neck and with a four-leaf clover in each hand. Don't give me any of that 'alert' business. The only time you're alert is when somebody says 'Let's all have a little snifter.' That buck was asleep, or a dope."

"Mebbe so," answered the medic. "But he's cooling in the woodshed right now and you can't laugh that off."

The doc had us there. After all, results are what count on a deer hunt, and we had nothing to show for a week's effort.

"You know what you ought to do?" spoke up the warden. "You ought to hunt deer like Don Donovan. He has a system all his own and he gets results."

"What does he do?" we queried.

"Well," continued the warden, "Don is one of those comic book fans. You

know, the kind the kids buy for a dime. Also, Don doesn't fancy ramming around in the woods all day. He figures it's easier to let the game come to him. So you know what he does?"

"I haven't the faintest, remotest idea," we replied. "What does Mr. Donovan do, Mr. Bones?"

"Well," continued the warden, "first he goes down to the paper store and buys about a buck's worth of those comic books. Then he sticks a couple of sandwiches in his hip pocket, grabs up his rifle and moseys out to some open space in the woods. There he finds a nice, soft rock to sit on, preferably one with a comfortable back rest, and starts going through his portable library of lurid literature."

"When does he hunt?" we queried.

"He doesn't," answered the warden. "He just sits there and reads about Tarzan and Superman, and sooner or later up steps a deer and blam!"

"It works, eh?"

"I'll say it works!" replied the warden. "Last year he got a bear and a deer. Claims it saves a lot of effort and shoe leather, although I figure it costs him a pretty penny for them comic books."

"I don't think I'd be successful fol-

lowing Mr. Donovan's deer-hunting method," we replied. "You see, I can't read."

"I knew you couldn't write," countered the warden, "but I never knew you couldn't read. Anyway, you could look at the pictures. You wouldn't hafta be able to read, exactly."

Well, that's the way it went right up to the time we broke camp two days later. We still hunted and drove 'em, watched for them in clearings and tried to cut 'em off in the runways. But something always went wrong. The doctor, who already had his meat, jumped a nice spikehorn while prowling for partridges with his shotgun and the deer stood and looked at him. Some village kids, coming in with mail and grub, saw two big bucks standing in the middle of the road behind camp. The warden's brother jumped another big fellow and two youngsters, armed with mail order guns, each killed a deer.

Aside from three small does the only deer we tabbed in a week of hunting was a monstrous buck. And guess where that critter was standing? Right in the middle of a field in a game refuge, that's where!

Nuts to deer hunting!

In the Doghouse

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particular breed housed there. Instead of wantonly having such pups put out of the way a humane breeder may have them altered and then give them as gifts where he or she have reason to believe they'll get good homes. Now this brings me to one fairly good reason why such an operation in the case of the female sometimes may justify itself. It's this. Few will question the fact that many female dogs which otherwise might find good homes are denied such because they are females. But if those same poor "nobody's dogs" were spayed many a door now closed to them would be open and many such would get good homes. A supplementary justification too is in the fact that spaying is a sure way to keep the stork away from the door forever after for the spayed dog and hence no unwanted puppies are likely to be hastily disposed of to indifferent owners who may not give them good homes or worse still those same pups may be drowned or otherwise cruelly disposed of.

In addition to restriction of the unaltered female or outright destruction of the reproductive powers, there's still a third way that those little bundles from canine heaven may be side-stepped. It's the use of a preparation which is manufactured and sold and used successfully by some owners of

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What America Is Reading

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ing the Coast Guard keep watch over the many lonely miles of coastline. Dog owners who want to know how their dogs fared will find this book most profitable reading. (Macmillan, \$2.50)

NOW is the time to prepare for the readjustment of the veteran to civilian life. When soldiers are demobilized and return in droves it will be too late. To find jobs for them, so that they will not be compelled to sell apples on street corners, is only one phase of the problem. Another is the adjustment of restless, nervous, unsettled men to the peaceful routine of business, family and community life. We are not aware that such men are already moving back to civilian life—discharges from the Armed Services average 1,000,000 a year, but they are not obvious because so far our expanded war economy has been able to absorb them and the hospitals have not been overcrowded. It is the sick man who prompts Dr. George K. Pratt, authority on mental hygiene and rehabilitation, to outline procedures for taking care of him, in an admirable book, "Soldier to Civilian; Problems of Readjustment", which ought to be read by community leaders, mayors, heads of welfare organizations, school administrators, lodge officials—anyone who is going to do an unselfish part to get these men back on their feet. Dr. Pratt makes clear that there will be many psychiatric cases, and that psychiatric does not mean insane. It means shaken up, nervous and neurotic, unstable—what in the last war was called shell-shock. Many of these men were "subtly disposed" toward instability before the war began; some were subject to psychoneurosis, "an emotional disorder in intensity and often in nature far from insanity". All had a "disorder of personality" and the war, the discipline in the training camps, the severe training of pilots, the experiences in jungle warfare and in front lines everywhere, affected these men in varying degrees. Never before has any army had the careful medical attention given this one; as a result many difficult cases were recognized before they got to the front; men who might become obstacles to good discipline were weeded out. Close observation continues even at the front, where soldiers break down and would demoralize their associates if they were allowed to run amok. Such men are now recognized as ill rather than unruly and are properly treated for this.

Dr. Pratt's book is practically a primer for the layman, for he acquaints us with all the cases we are likely to meet when soldiers return home. Then he outlines community organization to cope with the problem. If every community does its part the Nation will not be menaced as a whole. He urges the immediate training of community workers who are to meet the soldiers

and help get them readjusted. Veterans are not to be treated as problems but as citizens who have been away on special work and now want to get back into civilian activities. Bossing soldiers around, patronizing them, handing them a line without giving them a lift or trying to order their lives won't work. This book has many valuable suggestions to give and ought to be studied by all community leaders. (Whittlesey House, \$2.50)

BERNARD SHAW, at 88, writes as brilliantly and as forcefully as ever. In "Everybody's Political What's What" he tells us what's wrong with nearly everything for the 100th time, and we enjoy the way he tells it. I doubt that he has ever converted a reader to socialism, but he has certainly converted many to Bernard Shaw. Once more he takes stock of the world, professes to be alarmed at the way we jumble capitalism and socialism in Great Britain and the United States, thinks nothing will make democracy work until the consumers are organized and able to force their will on the producers. But he makes one important reservation about placing power in the hands of the people at large. He thinks capitalism will never be just to the proletarian, but politically he is suspicious of the popular choice that operates without guidance and knowledge. He believes the majority in any country too ignorant to pass on government. This should be done by people who know what is going on. In this Shaw, as a man of intelligence, realizes how often the well-being of all is defeated by corrupt bosses, special interests and selfish leaders. In the United States we believe that the widest possible discussion will awaken every voter to the real issues at stake, yet we know from bitter experience how wards are led around by the nose by corrupt machines, how pressure groups fight only for their own profit and let the devil take the hindmost. Even an antagonist of the capitalistic system, such as Bernard Shaw, would not be wholly at ease in a country where the proletarians really ruled. And it will be hard for statesmen, he admits, to "build a perfectly scientific policy on a perfectly scientific basis", for not even Shaw knows everything. It is a brilliant book, evidence of the lively mind of its author, but not one likely to change our views. (Dodd, Mead, \$3)

This reminds me that William B. Ziff, who is half of Bernard Shaw's age, is much more positive than Shaw about the way the world should be run. In "The Gentlemen Talk of Peace" he describes the terrible prospect ahead of Uncle Sam if all the nations do what he thinks they will. There's the Soviet Union, turning imperialist; there's China, about to become industrialized and throw out the white men, and possibly adopt Japan's fascist policies;

there's South America, ready to follow Europe, if we stop subsidizing its governments—and everybody everywhere jealous of the nation that has all the money and a great share of the world's resources. The Atlantic Charter? A swindle, says Mr. Ziff; no nation fighting for its life would suggest it; it would ruin the British empire and deprive us of all bases outside our frontiers. When Mr. Ziff's book is at its blackest—after he has denied that the peace plans of Clarence Streit, Ely Culbertson and others have anything to give us—he turns around and suggests a plan that he thinks is sound—and it turns out to be a division of the world into five great "political aggregates", each of which contains self-sufficient means for all living within it—with the abolition of barriers within and an end to all national lines and boundaries. Mr. Ziff's proposals are even more Utopian than those he condemns, and if the world is really in as bad a state as he outlines in the first part of his book, there would hardly be any chance for his "political aggregates" to survive. (Macmillan, \$3)

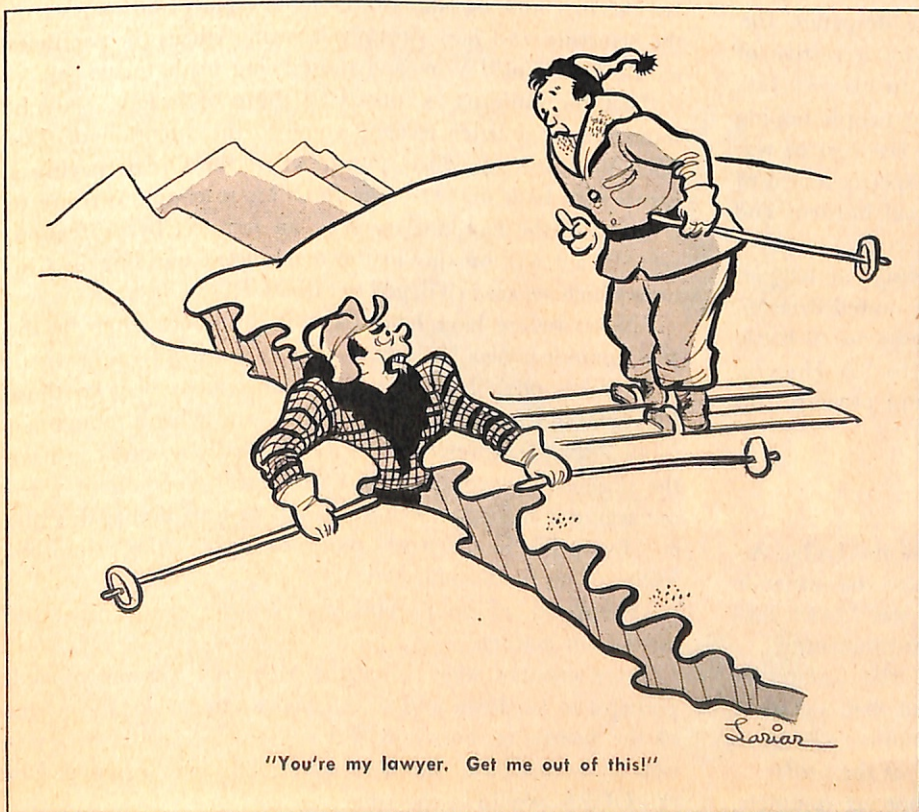
There is an impression that most authors are a bit screwy, or batty, or cockeyed—at any rate, that they don't act like normal people. Ditto, actors and movie stars. And by the testimony of Bennett Cerf's collection of jokes, anecdotes, repartee, wit and wise-cracks in "Try and Stop Me", this is probably true. Who but an author would rent an office, hire a secretary, pay three months' rent in advance and the girl's salary for a month, and then forget the location of the office? That, we learn, happened to Elliot Paul, author of "The Last Time I saw Paris", and

Mr. Cerf reports that Paul hasn't seen the office since.

The American public enjoys stories about personalities. Some oft-quoted men and women no doubt enjoy making them up. There was Robert Benchley, who came home soaked in a rainstorm and called his man. "George," he said, "get me out of this wet suit and into a dry martini." There was Fred Allen, saying that his next sponsor on the air would be the manufacturer of Lumpo soap. "It doesn't lather," said Fred. "It doesn't float. It contains no secret oils. It is designed solely to keep you company in the tub." And there was that celebrated meeting between the Russian composer Stravinsky and George Gershwin. Gershwin asked Stravinsky how much he would charge him for lessons in orchestration. "How much do you make a year?" asked Stravinsky. "\$100,000," said Gershwin. "How about your giving me lessons?" said Stravinsky.

Stories, anecdotes, jokes—a whole book filled with them. You read them and first thing the family will be listening to you reading them. And you'll be saying, "Try and stop me." (Simon & Schuster, \$3)

Emily Kimbrough's delightful book of childhood reminiscences—"How Dear to My Heart", ought to please anyone who enjoyed Booth Tarkington's tales of adolescence. The background is the same—Indiana—and the period goes back to the arrival of the first motor car in the Kimbrough family, when Emily was a very little girl. Those were good old American days and a great many readers will say they recall them too. I think Emily has been most entertaining. (Dodd, Mead, \$2.50)



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Editorial

A Hopeful New Year

THE usual greetings of the season—"Happy New Year"—ill accords with the emotions that sway the hearts of the world as the New Year is born. There is something incongruous about wishing people happiness in these troubled times, when underneath the veneer of good cheer which people present to their fellows there runs a strain of sadness in the face of losses suffered, and fear of losses yet to come.

The old year rolls down the path of time with a record of having witnessed the bitterest warfare, and some of the greatest victories our arms have ever achieved. It marked the turn of the tide of battle, and the assurance of victory—victory, not yet fully consummated, but as sure to come as night shall follow day. The New Year was born to be cradled in strife, bathed in blood, and with a heritage of "wild war's desolation". It finds our fighting forces, their swift advance slowed by the halting of the German war machine on the borders of its homeland, but still advancing to certain victory, and, in the islands of the Pacific, slowly closing in on our cruel and relentless foe.

The cherished hope that the New Year might dawn upon European battle fields with stacked arms and silenced guns was crushed by the fanatical resistance of a desperate foe, beaten, but unwilling to yield while he retains a vestige of hope that he may drag down our civilization in his own fall.

On the home front the New Year finds our people hoping and working to the end that this may be the last year of war for generations to come, and praying for the speedy return of the men and women who are bearing the real burdens and making the real sacrifices to bring about this end.

No, this is not a time for the cheery greetings of happier days, but the heroism of our men at arms, the united determination of our people, and events of the old year on all battle fronts, justify America in looking forward to "A Hopeful New Year", and to the coming of victory and peace to this devastated and war-torn world.

Fighting Elks Class

THE month of November was set aside by the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge for the initiation of a "Fighting Elks Class" dedicated to the 75,000 Elks in the Armed Forces, "fighting for country and humanity".

In its communication to Exalted Rulers, the Committee stresses the word "selective", and it means just that, a class of men selected for their standing in the community, willing to participate in the patriotic and humane work of the Order.

Returns on the November campaign are not yet complete,

but those received indicate the addition of 20,000 to our rolls.

Would it not be well for subordinate lodges to keep the machinery set up for this November campaign functioning for the induction of monthly classes from now until the end of the lodge year? At the present time, thanks to the cooperation of the Order in the war effort, under the effective leadership of the Elks War Commission and the latter's splendid handling of public relations, the Order rides high in public favor. Conditions have never been more favorable for a series of "selective" campaigns. But the selection of candidates must be made from among permanent residents of the community, men who will retain their membership when the feverish activities of war have subsided.

The danger of indiscriminate solicitation requires no comment. The wisdom of selective membership campaigns with a view to quality, may be demonstrated by any subordinate lodge that will go about the matter of increasing its membership in the right way.

Elks Memorial

THE Elks Memorial Building, standing on the shores of Lake Michigan and looking out upon one of Chicago's noted parkway drives, is one of the world's finest memorials. It was born of the patriotic impulses of the Order, erected as a memorial to Elks who served in the first World War, and, under resolutions adopted by the recent Grand Lodge War Conference, is to be rededicated to those who are serving in the present conflict. The time and nature of the ceremonies are left to the Grand Exalted Ruler and the members of the Memorial and Publication Commission.

Since the Grand Lodge Conference, the building is better known to members of the Order. It was visited by many who for the first time became aware of the dignity and majesty of the structure and how fittingly it memorializes the sacrifices of the first World War, and those being made today.

That the building is indeed "a thing of beauty", is substantiated by a letter recently come to the attention of *The Elks Magazine*, in which a member of the Order, paying a casual visit back in 1927, sets forth his reaction. Writing to a friend in the East, the member, an architect by profession, says, "I am writing this in the magnificent building in Chicago which we are privileged to call *OURS*."

"Never before have I been struck absolutely dumb by the sheer grandeur of a building!"

"It takes one's breath away—what a monument to those Elks who made the supreme sacrifice—and what a monument to all Elks, past, present and future! Really no one can have the slightest conception of this wonderful work of art without seeing it and upon seeing it language fails him to describe it. Every Elk in the world ought to make it the prime objective of his life to come here."

"I stopped off on purpose and I never shall forget the thrill I am getting."

Every member who visited the Memorial was not moved, perhaps, to sit down and record his emotions like the writer of the foregoing, but if he did so, unquestionably his reaction to the beauty of the building all Elks are "privileged to call *OURS*" would be the same.



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GET a "flatfoot" (that's a soldier's term for a sailor), a "gravel agitator" (that's an infantryman), and a "gyrene" (marine, to you) all together and they'll sound off about everything under the sun. But they'll agree on that pack you find in their pockets. Camels... first in the service from the Philippines to the Rhine. It's on the record... "With men in the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, the favorite cigarette is Camel, based on actual sales records." The full, rich flavor, kind, cool mildness make Camel a favorite wherever you go!



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